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NOTICE.

THE following Memoirs of the Reign of KING JAMES THE SIXTH in Scotland will, it is hoped, not be considered an uninteresting addition to those contemporary narratives, in which the general historian finds a valuable source of information. They were published at Edinburgh in 1755 by Walter Ruddiman, in a most unpretending volume, after being reduced into what was probably deemed a more popular form, by a sacrifice of the genuine language and original style, which greatly diminishes their attraction to the antiquary.

So far as can be discovered through the transmutations which the text has thus undergone, that edition appears to have been printed from a manuscript now in the Library of the Faculty of Advocates, (W. 6. 15.) which is evidently in more modern language and handwriting than those of the sixteenth century. This supposition acquires some confirmation from the circumstance, that both in that manuscript, and in Ruddiman's publication, the narrative of the Gowrie conspiracy, attributed to the pen of James the Sixth, has been appended to the Memoirs. Another manuscript has been found in the collection of the Right Honorable Lord Belhaven and Stenton, in a hand apparently of that century, and undoubtedly earlier than that of the manuscript in the

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Advocates' Library. The difference of dates of these two copies is farther ascertained by the dissimilarity of language and style. This is so great, that it would be difficult to find ten consecutive lines which exactly agree. In some instances omissions occur in the later manuscript, and there are frequent interpolations, sometimes of dates or designations of persons, in other cases of sentences or even paragraphs. From the internal evidence thus afforded, it appears likely that the transcriber of this manuscript has altered and added to his information from other sources. Upon the whole, it has appeared more desirable to follow the earlier and more genuine manuscript in the present reprint; but an Appendix of Various Readings distinguishes every variation and interpolation of any importance to the sense, which occur in the other manuscript; to have marked every omitted passage and verbal alteration, would have needlessly swelled the limits of the volume, and exhausted the patience of the reader. To illustrate the description thus attempted of these manuscripts, fac-similes are given of a corresponding passage from both, and also two specimens of David Moysie's autograph, from the originals preserved in the Register House.

Neither of the manuscripts so frequently referred to, throw any light upon the authorship of these Memoirs; and the quaint dedication to King James, by his "Majesty's own old man and humble servant," which is prefixed to the former edition, has no existence in the original, and indeed bears internal proofs of forgery. It appears, however, that David Moise [Moysie] was known to Nicolson as the author of a historical work, which the Doctor classes with those of Habakkuk Biret [Bisset] and John Colum, as "hard to be met with," *(Scot. Hist. Lib. folio edit. p.p. 45, 46.)* In the absence of direct evidence, the Editor has no wish to deprive his book of its supposed parentage, and has,

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with the kind assistance of Mr Macdonald of the Register House, collected a few notices of David Moysie.

The orthography of proper names was formerly little attended to in Scotland, and was often varied at the caprice of the writer. The case of the author is however remarkable, in as far as his surname has not till now been correctly given to the public. Nicolson, as has been shewn, calls him Moise, and in the former edition of these Memoirs, he invariably appears as David Moyses. The latter name is found through a long tract of time among the burgesses of Aberdeen, but the Editor is not aware of any other instance in which that of Moysie occurs.

Mr David Moysie exercised the professions of Writer and Notary Public in Edinburgh, during the former part of the reign of James the Sixth. In 1577, we have him in the latter capacity attesting the subscription of David Andersoun, to a lease granted by James Bannatyne of the Kirktoun of Newtild. Not long after this date, he was employed in the offices of state, in which he continued to labour, though apparently without attaining to any considerable promotion. Various notices of his occupations and emoluments occur between 1582 and 1601, in the Treasurer's Accounts, the Register of the Privy Seal, and *passim* in other records. During the former portion of that time, he was occupied as a Clerk of the Privy Council; of the few notices of him in that capacity which remain, the following are selected from the Treasurer's Books, 1586.

"Item, to Dauid Moyſie for his lawbouris be the ſaid ſpace, [the year 1586,] vj lib. xiij ſ. iiij d.

"Item, to Dauid Moyſie daylie occupeit in writting of the effairis of the ſecreit counſale vnder Johnne Andro, for his grite panis and

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travellis, and for his yeirlie allowance omittit in the laſt compt of the lxxxiij and lxxxiiij, lxxx lib. and for the lxxxv yeir, compted xl lib. inde j^{c} xx lib.

" Item, be his Maiefteis precept to Dauid Moyſie writtare, for the ſupport of his charges ſuſtenit in the continewale attendance vpoun his Hienes at court, as the ſame producit beris, lxvj lib. xiij ſ. iiij d."

At a subsequent period, in 1596, we find him in the Secretary's department. Several letters of this date which have been preserved, open up some of the mysteries of that office, and shew among other things, that Mr David was not indifferent to the emoluments of his situation. These letters, with a memorandum by Alexander Hay, Clerk of Register, serving to illustrate the division of labour and of fees, are appended to this notice. Along with them is given a letter from Mr Hercules Rollok, which, besides news of official interest, gives some insight into the chit-chat of the day.

Of the private and domestic history of David nothing is known, except that on the 3d August 1584, a letter passed under the Privy Seal " to Dauid Moyſie ſone lauchfull to Dauid Moſey wrettar, gevand, " grantand and diſponand to him during all the dayis of his lyiftyme, " for his helpe and ſuſtentation at the ſcolis, and educatioun in vertew " and guid lettres, all and haill the few maillis of the commoun landis " of the kirk of Dunkeld, callit Foffartie and Babewlie, extending to " threttie tua pundis money of this realme." David the son having died soon after the date of this grant, it was renewed to his father, 19th February 1584-5.

With this meagre introduction of the author, the reader is left to improve an acquaintance with him through the medium of his book.

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As the narrative of a contemporary, and probably often of an eye-witness, it is not without value; but its chief interest will be found to consist in graphic delineations of daily occurrences, and in minute touches of character and manners, such as cannot enter into the more comprehensive compositions of the historian.

The Act of Privy Council, which changed the commencement of the year from the 25th March to the 1st January, and which is referred to at p. 166. of the Various Readings, is subjoined in the Appendix from the original record.

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I. [DAVID MOYSIE TO SIR JOHN LINDSAY OF MENMURE SECRETARY?]

MY LORD, pleas your L.: according to direction I preſentit to his Majeſteis hand, and obtenit ſubſcrivit the tua letteris to be ſent to Flanderis anent the Erll of Errole. I have formit his Majeſteis anſuer to the Conſervatour, quhilk your L. ſall reſſave with the reſt. The penaltie of the laſt act of cautionarie fund be the Erle of Errole at Abirdene is fourtie thowſand pundis, quherof Johnne Andro (quha hes the actis) can reſolve your L. He ſould forme that act of cautionarie craved for Errole now: yit I have formit the ſame according to your L. informatioun; quherin gif ony thing wald be helpit, lett the ſame be done be Johnne, for he is beſt ſkillit in they materis: His Majeſtie will have the ſame pane, and the ſamin cautioneris contenit in this act that wes in the formar. His Majeſtie hes tald me, that the theſaurar hes that letter quhilk wes writtin be the eſtates of Zeland. I deliverit the copy of the cockalane to his Majeſtie, quhilk almaiſt nevir cummis out of his handis. His Majeſtie is heichlie exaſperat aganis the makares; God ſend him knaulege, for thai deſerve ſeveir puniſchement. His

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Majeſtie ſend for ſum of the ſpeciall hornaris at his being in Dundie, bot few compeirit, ſaiffand the maiſter of Gray and thre or foure ma, quha ſatiſfeit his Majeſtie be relaxationis. Na ordour taiken with the non compeirrantis, bot that the maiſter of Gray as ſhereff, (quha hes promittit as I heir to cum to his Majeſtie at Falkland,) ſalbe appointit to mell with thair houſſis. I reſſaved not your L. packett quhill our cuming out of Dundie, on Fryday laſt about tuelff houris at the watter ſyde, ſwa that the greit ſtorme ſenſyne and our dalie travelling hes bene the caus of the not returne of anſuer, quhilk it will pleaſe your L. to excuis. And ſua, my maiſt humyll commendationis of ſervice remembered, I commit your L. hartlie in Godis tentioun: from Dumfermling, this viij of Auguſt 1596.

Your L. awin man and ſeruand,

Dauid Moysie.

II. To my verrie gud Lord and Maister my Lord Secretare.

My Lord, efter my verray hartlie commendatioun of ſervice: I reſſavit your L. ticket fra Dauid Moyſie to deliver to him fyftie merkis, quhilk I haif done ſenſyne. Mr Robert Gudlad hes inquirit of me, gif I knew quhat was wont to be his fie for ſerving in that part of the office; ſa far as I can underſtand, your L. prediceſſour gaif him out of his awin purſe ane hundreth merkis be yeir at twa termes. The tyme that Dauid Moyſie reſſavit fra me fyftie merk, he wes complenand it wes ſa littill, that he could nocht weill ſerve for ſic ſmall ſowme; had he nocht had that office, he wald nocht have kepit it without greter commoditie. I anſuerit him, it was the office brought him in accompt, and maid him

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the man he was, and ſa ſould nocht diſdane his ſervice, and compt it ſa littill. Alwyiſe my L. gif he will nocht ſerve for ſic ſowme as your L. lykes to gif him, your L. will get anew to do the turne alſweill as he; your L. knawis weill aneuch quhat to do. Sua committis your L. to the protectioun of almychtj God: Off Edinburgh, 24th Auguſt 1596.

Your L. ſervand at al power,

J. Laing.

III. To the Richt Honorable my speciall gude Lord and Maister, my Lord of Menmure Secretar to our Soverane Lord.

Pleis it your L.; your laſt Daniſhe diſpeſhe imbarkit upon Fryday laſt at efternone, and gif the winde continewe in this airth as it hes done ſenſyne, may be at the ambaſſadouris the morne at evin.

Anent David Moyſies ſie, I can ſend your L. na uther certanetie nor I have be his awne report, quhilk is, that he had yeirlie payit him be your L. anteceſſour ane hundreth merkis, be precept anis in the yeir to Mr John Layng; quhilk in my tyme was onelie fourtie pundis, and that rather ſet doun to me at my firſt entrie be the laſt clerk of regiſter, as ane dewe pertenyng to that ſervice, nor that ever I maid reknyng of the payment of it, ather in my L. Dunfermlingis or the Chancellaris tymes, as being content, rather to have bene furthered be thame to any caſualitie that occurrit, nor to have bene that burdenable to any of thame in thair particuler. Quhilk David Moyſie ſall rather chuſe, gif he will follow my adviſe, ſpeciallie ſen the ſervice ſelf is nocht ſa barren, as may give any diligent attendar occaſioun to be ower earniſt upoun a

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ſie, depending ſimplie upon his Majeſteis liberalitie, as ever it be. I think the ſicht of this incloſit order, ſet doun be ſic ane hand at my firſt entrie to that ſervice, may with gude reaſoun renge him to the firſt allowance; namelie reſpecting the hundreth pundis quhilk he hes payit him be the theſaurer, quhilk in my tyme excedit nocht thrie ſcore, as heir your L. ſeis, and quhairof I never reſavit ane denier.

This uther letter is the copy quhilk he ſent me of his Majeſteis anſuer to the Quene of Inglandis laſt, written with his Hienes hand. I have commandit a ſilver pen for his Majeſtie, quhilk wilbe ready this oulk anis.

Swa to your L. nixt occaſioun, I humblie tak my leve, at my hartieſt commendatioun of ſervice, committing your L. to the cure and comfort of that almychty phyſician, quha keip yow ever in his protectioun. From Edinburgh, this tyiſday.

Your L. humble and loving ſervant,

M. G. Young.

IV. Alexander Hay Clerk of Register, anent the Deputes of the Secretarie.

The Secretair thir ſindry yeirs bigane hes had tua deputis reſident at court.

The ane clerk to the Counſale, quha had ordinarlie xij ℔. x ß. in the moneth pait be the theſaurair, extending in the yeir to j ° and l ℔. This office wes firſt broukit be William Maitland therefter Secretair, then be Johnne Johnneſtoun, then be Alexander Hay, and now be Johnne Andro.

The uther may be callit properlie the Secretaris Depute in the Secretary, and is in effect equall with the other in ordinar commoditie pait

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in this maner; xl ti. be my Lord Secretair at Witſonday and Martimes; lx ti. be the theſaurair, quhilk wes a penſioun grantit to Sir Neill for paper, ink and walx furniſſing; and the proffite of the court ſignet, eſtimat worth l ti.

The laſt yeir I appointit Mr Johnne Andro, that we ſuld be equall partiners in bayth, and ather of ws to ſerve ordinarly our moneth about.

Off lait yeirs I had a penſioun grantit unto me out of the thriddis, as Johnne Andro had ane likuiſe, bot the ſtorme of revocationis hes drevin that welth away. We had likuiſe buſhe in court quhen we lykit to await theron, bot I forbure to ſeik it ordinarly quhill I had ſeene ane ordour.

V. To my speciall good Lord my Lord Secretar.

My Lord, eftir maiſt ſerviable ſalutations: My bil anent Mr William Borthuik, ſould have bene ſend the nixt day eftir my cumming heir, with Mr David Lindſaye, quhae diſappointit me contre his promiſe, and ſuae it cam lait to your L. Your letter for anſwer thairof, wes deliverit to Mr William: quhat effect it workis I knawe nocht, for he is rwid and faxxouſche; bot my man is preſentlie in Dundie, to bring that ſilver heir, quhilk I look for ſchortlie. As to your L. former bil to me, anent Patrik Murrayis diſpeſche to the northe, I wreat na anſuer thertil, becauſe I lookit daylie to have cum thair, with all the peices of wreatis toutching that purpoſe, to have bene reviſit and reformit be your L.; bot ſeing we have done that maiter among our ſelfis to our awin contentment heir, we thocht it nocht neidful to trubbil your L. forder thairwith. We took in ſum pointis avyſment of his Ma-

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jeſtie, and in ſum thingis conſultit with the advocat. Patrik and I performit the reſt, be the formalitie of Jhon Andro and William Wealie in maner following. We have alterit nae thing of your L. informations or injunctions to Patrik, except we have expreſſit the names of ſex barrons, or onie thrie of thame; ſax miniſters, or onie three of thame, quhae ſuld be on my Lord Huntlies counſal in his wechtie adois. The cheif commiſſioun that Patrik Murray caries with him contenis twae heidis; the ane is, that the thrie erlis at his ſicht in name of his M. ſatiſfie al the conditions and injunctions of the Aſſemblie, before thay be relaxit frae excommunication: the wther is, that the ſaid Patrik, juning with him certan appointit miniſters, pacifie all the feadis and debeatis in the northe; at leaſt put thame al wnder aſſurance for ane year, til thaye be agreit with better leaſur. And we have maid three of thir commiſſions, ane for ilk erle, ſumquhat different in the firſt head, becaus the conditions of the kirk toutchis thame nocht al equalie; and in the commiſſion anent the Erle of Angus, the ſecund head is nae way toutchit, becauſe we knawe of his fead with nae man. Nixt, he caries with him thair three letteris of protection, to be daitit and publiſit eftir the excommunication be lowſit. Thridlie, thrie obligations of the generall band, to be ſubſcrivit be thame, and ten cautionars for ilk ane of thame, ilk cautionar wnder twae thouſand pundis. And by the generall band thre particular conditions ar joinit thairwith; 1. thay ſal nocht traffik with ſtrangers; 2. thay ſal exclude frae thair cumpanie al papiſts; 3. thay ſal give thair eldeſt ſonnis in pledge of good ordour; Huntlie to the King, the uther twaye to the Erle of Mortoun: Fourtlie, letters ar directit to charge thame al three to ſubſcrive the ſaid band, augmentit in maner abone ſpecifiet, and to find cawtions ſubſcryvand as ſaid is; and the ſame thaireftir ſuld be reportit heir, and regiſtrat be William

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Wealie, wreater of the ſaidis obligationis and charges; for Jhon Androwe wreatis al the reſt, except the miſſives direct be David Moyſes: Fyftlie, letters ar direct to charge al thame that ar wnder fead to ſubſcrive ane band of aſſurance, and ane ſeparat band ſend to ilkane of thame to be ſubſcrivit, being xvj or xviij in numer: Saxtlie, miſſives ar ſend to al the miniſters, that thai ſuld travel to perfyt the ſaid abſolution, and to reconcill the diſſenſions foirſaidis; as alſo to my Lord and Ladie Huntlie, for hir applying to our religion, and for purging thair houſe of al ſuſpect papiſtis.

This far toutching the effairis in the northe:—as to the planting of the kirkis, Edinburgh and St Androis, (quherof your L. is inquiſitive in bayth your billis,) Patrik Murray aſſuris me that the King is obſtinat to exclude the four Miniſteris frae Edinburgh, albeit the halie ſiſteris hes offerit three hundryth crownis to retene thame. As to St Androis, Mr David Blak wilbe lykwaies debarrit thairfrae preſentlie, bot Mr Robert Walace nocht yet, wntil ane miniſter be gottin for that citie, and thaireftir he will be remoivit. The commiſſionars thairanent ſuld meit his M. other in Lithcowe or Edinburgh, the 2d of June. And quhan this biſſines is effectuat, than the univerſitie is to be viſitit and purgit. I ſchewe his M. ſecretlie that clauſe of your bill anent Mr Andro Melvil: his M. anſuerit, he ſuld give ample commiſſion to weil choſin commiſſionars for that effect; and that your L. and utheris weil myndit to quyetnes, in the meane tyme ſould doe weil to trye faltis, and forme ane dittaye.

Anent utheris newis, I knawe nae notable thing. The lait Inglis ambaſſadour can not obtene the deliverie of Seſſuird and Balcleuche, and thairfore appeirit crabit at the beginning, but is ſatlit ſenſyne, content with ſum ſchape of excuiſe. The report that the King of France

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with his domeſtikis ſuld bene maſſacrit at the marriage of his ſiſter, decayis and is diſcredite, becauſe nae advertiſment cumis frae Ingland thairanent. Mr Thomas Hamiltone is contractit and proclamit with Collintons dochter, quha remainis with Mr Thomas Craigs wyf; the tocher bruitit 9000 merkis. Balquhane is wardit in the caſtel of Edinburgh, at the perſuit of his brother Mr William. The Erle of Huntlie ſend ane gentil man heir within thir tuae dayes, with nae uther commiſſion bot letteris of viſitation to the King and Quene, and ſum memorials to uthers. His Lordſhip is ſumquhat miſcontent with that article of the kirk, that ſtayes him frae making vantage of his vaſſals, and that aſtrictis him to freindſchip with his nychtbouris, bot the King wil put fordward baythe thais pointis, for his L. awin weil. Patrik Murray wil viſeit your L. in his way, and ſchawe yowe his peices. The Seſſion is populus bot in ſmal cauſis. The Quene paſt to Seaton the penult of Maij in ane litter, nochtwithſtanding the gryt rane; and is to pas hir tyme be progreſe in the Baſs and utheris the lyk places. The King ſtayit that day for the rane, bot on the morne read to Lithkowe, and is nocht to returne heir ſchortlie, bot to Falcland. It is thocht good that your L. viſeit him thair; for freindis miſlykis your lang abſence frae court, ſum ſuſpecting your miſcontentment thairof, and utheris diſparing of your helthe, *inter aulicos vulturios prædæ inhiantes.* God preſerve your L. At Edinburgh, the firſt of June 1597. Be your L. faythful ſervitour,

Mr Hercules Rollok.

Si hæ tibi sint verbosæ, cæteras contraham tuo monitu.
Recipe processum litis illius ecclesiasticæ, et una
historiam impetus popularis. Utinam valeas.

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VI. Act of the Privy Council of Scotland,—1599.

Apud Haliruidhous, xvij Decembris lxxxxix.

The firſt day of the yeir appointit to be the firſt day of Januar yeirlie.

The Kingis Majeſtie, and Lordis of His Secreit Counſall, undirſtanding, That in all utheris weill governit commoun welthis and cuntreyis, the firſt day of the yeir begynis yeirlie upoun the firſt day of Januare commounlie callit New yeiris day, and that this realme onlie is different fra all utheris in the compt and reckining of the yeiris: And his Majeſtie and Counſall willing that thair ſalbe na diſconformitie betuix his Majeſtie, his realme and leigis, and utheris nichtbour cuntreyis in this particular, bot that thay ſall conforme thameſelffis to the ordour and cuſtum obſervit be all utheris cuntreyis, eſpecialie ſeing the courſe and ſeaſoun of the yeir is maiſt propir and anſuerabill thairto, and that the alteratioun thairof importis na hurte nor prejudice to ony pairtie: Thairfoir His Majeſtie with adviſe of the Lordis of his Secreit Counſall Statutis and Ordanis, That in all tyme cuming, the firſt day of the yeir ſalbegin yeirlie upoun the firſt day of Januar, and thir preſentis to tak executioun upoun the firſt of Januare nixtocum, quhilk ſalbe the firſt day of the I^m and ſex hundreth yeir of God: And thairfoir Ordanis and Commandis the Clerkis of his Hienes ſeſſioun and ſignet, the Directour and writtaris of the Chancellarie and Prevey Seall, and all utheris Jugeis, writtaris, notaris and clerkis within this realme, That thay and everie

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ane of thame in all tyme heirefter date all thair decreittis, infeftmentis, charteris, ſeaſingis, letteris and writtis quhatſumevir, according to this preſent ordinance, Compting the firſt day of the yeir fra the firſt day of Januare yeirlie, and the firſt day of the I^{m} and VI^{c} yeir of God fra the firſt day of Januare nixtocum: And ordanis publicatioun to be maid heirof at the mercat croceis of the heid burrowis of this realme, quhairthrow nane pretend ignorance of the ſame.

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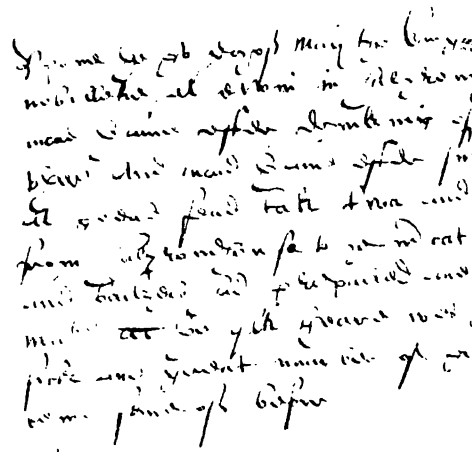

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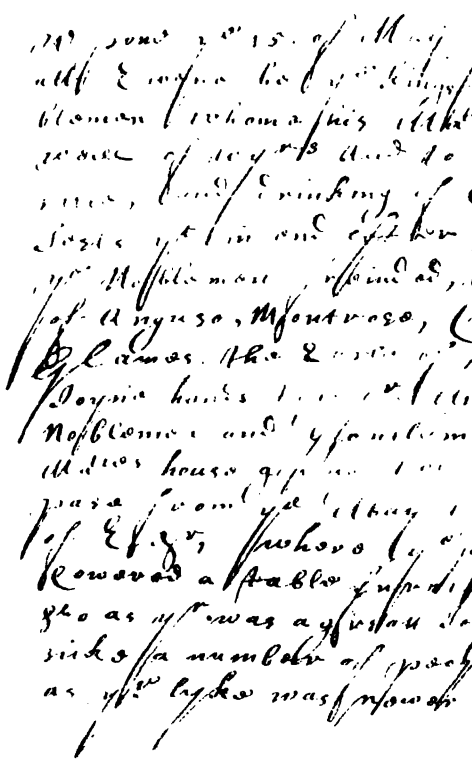

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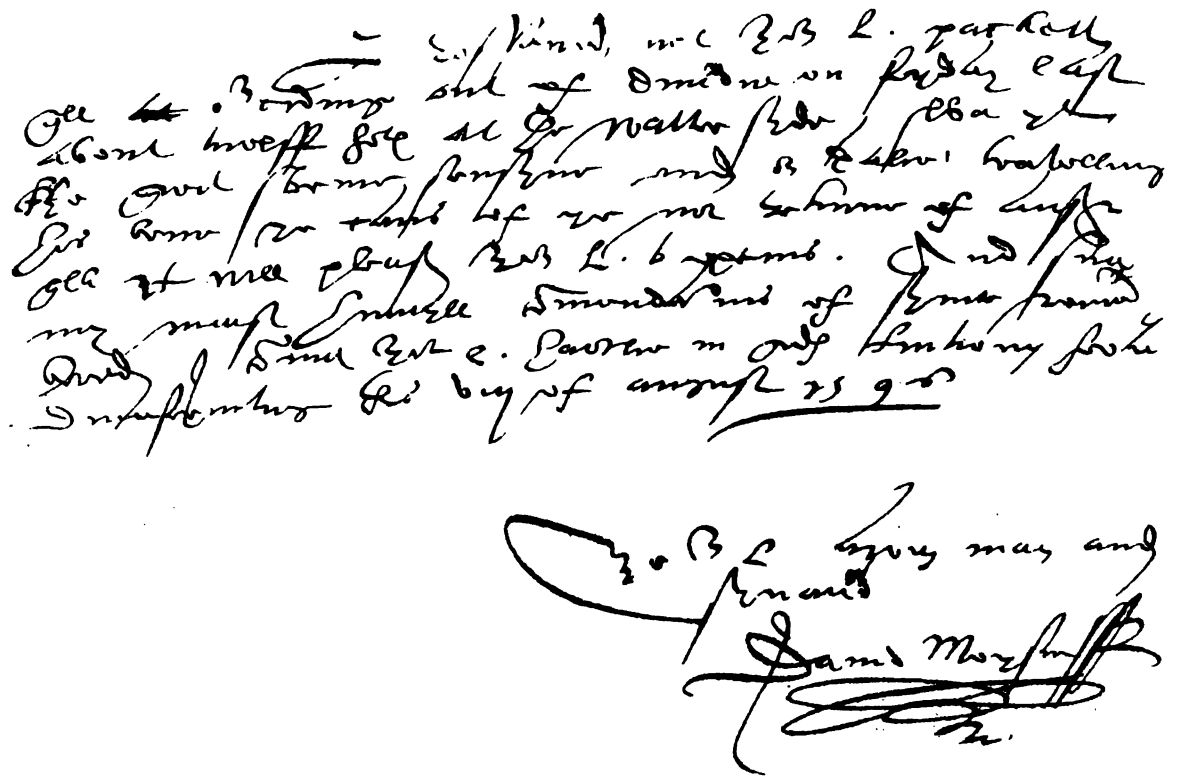

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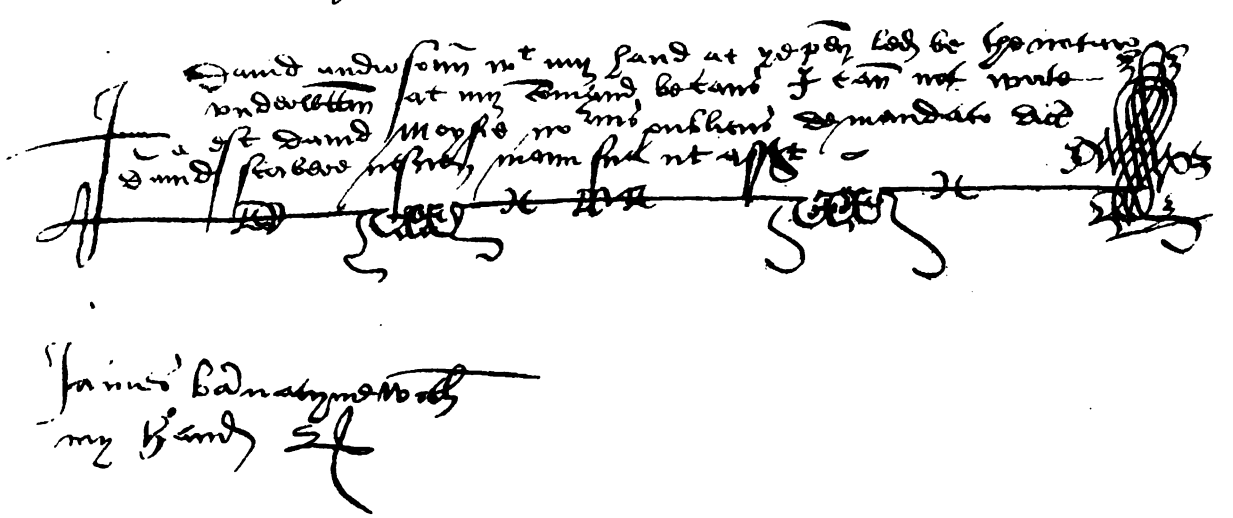

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VPONE Weddniſday the tuentie ſext day of Februar the yeir of God Im Vc thrie ſcoir ſevinteine yeiris, the erle of Ergyle come to Strivilinge, and being admitted to the Kingis Majeſteis preſence, wes ſa had and acceptit as theare wes ane chalmer appoynted for him in the caſtell.

Vpone the laſt day of the ſaid monethe, the erle of Atholl come to Sterling, and immediatlie his Majeſtie condiſcendit to wreyt to the nobilletie to conueine at Striuiling the tent of Marche, &c.

. . . . . .

Vpone the aucht day of Marche the yeir of God Im Vc thrieſcor ſevinteine yeiris, King James the ſext of this realme, being of the aidge of tuelffe yeiris, conuenit certane noble men of this realme in the caſtell of Striuiling; quhilkis wær Johne erle of Athole, Coline erle of Ergyle, Johne erle of Montroiſe, the L. Leivingſtoune, lord Maxvell, and dyverſe vtheris great men of this realme. At the quhilk conuentioun James erle of Mortoun, regent to the King, wes deſyrit be his hienes to be alſo preſent, becauſe the maiter quhiche the King had then in handis concernit him: Yit the erle of Mortoun on the ane pairt wes willing to have ſatiſfeid the Kingis deſyre in that behalfe; bot on the

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vther pairt, calling to rememberance the particular wes betuix him and the erle of Ergyle, thocht he could not guidlie pas to the ſaid conuentioun, bot ſent his awin ſpeciall freind Archbald erle of Angus thearunto, and in his companie Johne lord Glamis, chaunceller, Johne lord Hereis, and William lord Ruthuen, theſaurer, as commiſſioneris for him, quho wer thankfullie reſſavit be the king. Finallie, tyme and place being appoynted, the counſell ſat, and the ſaid Johne lord Glames wes ordeanit be the king [to demand] at evrie great man theareat his woit tuitching the depriuatioun of the ſaid erle of Mortoun of the regiment of the realme: it wes thocht expedient that he ſould be depriued, and ſua he wes depryued be the mouthes of the moiſt pairt of the woiteris.

Vpone the tent day of the ſaid monethe and yeir, being the firſt day of the ſaid conuentioun, the Kingis Majeſtie, for avoyding of grudge and diſſenſioun amangis his nobiletie, be advyſe of his ſaid counſell acceptit the regiment of his realme vpone his awin perſone, hovbeet he knew it wold be trubelſum to him.

Vpone the tuelt day of the ſamyn monethe of Marche, be ſound of trumpet and heraldis, publicatioun wes maid be opin proclamatioun at the mercat croce of Edinburghe of the Kingis acceptatioun of the gouernament of his owin realme vpone his perſone. And the erle of Mortoun, being for the tyme within the burghe of Edinburgh, come in propper perſone to the mercat croce therof, quhaire he, in preſence of the haill peopill being therat, efter the ſound of a trumpet, and befoir they began to publeiſche the ſaid proclamatioun, in honeſt termes and gentle maner willinglie dimittit his auctoritie and regiment in the Kingis fauouris, and promittit faithfull obedience and ſeruice to him in all tymes comming, lykas his hienes had the full prouſe theirof in tymes paſt.

Vpone the xiiij of the ſaid monethe, the erle of Mortoun paſt out of Edinburgh to Dalkeithe, accumpanied with fyve hundrethe horſmen or theirby, quhairof the moiſt pairt wes Merſemen.

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Vpone the xv day of the ſaid monethe of Marche and yeir foirſaid, the ſaidis Johne lord Glamis, William lord Ruthuen, and Johne lord Hereis, as commiſſioneris wes ſent be the King and his counſell to the erle of Mortoune, deſyring him that he wald rander the caſtell of Edinburgh, ſua that his hichnes micht appoynt ſick keiperis and caiptanis for keiping his perſone as it pleaſed him. The irenis of the counyiehous wes deſyrit, with tene thovſand pundis money; for performance of the quhilk deſyre the ſaidis commiſſioneris brocht ane diſchairge wrytten vpone parchment, ſubſcribit with the King and his haill counſell, to the ſaid erle Mortoun, diſchairging him of all thingis and intromiſſionis that micht be layd to his chairge ſen his entrie in the regiment, quhilk wes vpone the xx [xxv] day of November I^{m} V^{c} lxxij yeiris. The ſaid erle of Mortoun, thinking this diſchairge ſumquhat ſclender for his releiſe, be reſſone of the Kingis minoretie, willed the ſamyn to be ratefeid be his Majeſtie in the nixt parliament that ſould happin to be haldin, as alſo at his perfyte aidge of tuentie ane yeiris. Alwayis gif the King wer myndfull preſentlie to have the ſaid caſtell, the ſaid erle Mortoun deſyrit that ſum neutrall men ſould be keiperis, and namit the erle Buchane, Patrik lord Lyndſay, William lord Ruthuen, or the laird of Lochleavin; ſua that he micht have aſſurance of releiſe. The irenis of the counyiehous wes delyverit without forder delay.

Vpone the xvj day of the ſamyn monethe, the ſaidis commiſſioneris returnit to the Kingis Majeſtie, and befoir theare depairting commandit the bailyeis of Edinburgh to keip ſtraite watche at all the pairtes of the toune, to the effect that no moir victuall ſould have paſſadge to come to the caſtell for furniſching therof in the meane tyme, quhill the King maid thame forder advertiſment.

Vpone the xvij day of the ſaid monethe, for obedience of this charge, [the bailyeis] tuik the burding vpone thame ſelffes, thaire proveſt being captane of the ſaid caſtell, and namit George Douglas of Parkhead, baſtard

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brother to the ſaid erle of Mortoun, and thearthrow partiall in obedience of the ſaid charge, and ſet ane number of men at dyvers pairtes of the ſaid toun, for ſtopping of wiueris to enter to the ſaid caſtell. And at the weſt poirt, vpone the ſamyn day about fyve houris at evin, the toun watche, perceaving ane or twa calliueris to be caried in to the ſaid caſtell, ſtoppit thame at the fute of the caſtell wynd; and certane of the caſtalianis perceaving this maiter come furthe of the ſaid caſtell, to the number of xvj perſonis or theirby, and perforce wold had the ſaid calliuer with thame. The tounes men reſiſting conforme to thair derectioun, the caſtell men be ſchotis of hagbutis and piſtoletis ſlew thrie tounſmen, and hurt fyve or ſex; and ſum of them alſo hurt, and one ſlaine, and ſua returnit into the caſtell withoute forder. The tounſmen being inraidgit at that iniurie reſſavit, maid certane trinches that ſame nicht before Patrik Eggeris houſe for incloiſing of the caſtell.

Vpone the ſame day, Dauid erle of Crafurde, and the ſaid Johne lord Glames, chaunceller, being in Striuiling with the King, and ane deadly fead and inimetie ſtanding betuix thame vnreconciled, forgathred togither within the ſaid toun foiranent the ladie Maris ludging, betuix fyve and ſex houris at evin. Efter the maiſteris had paſt vtheris without ony offer of iniurie, twa of thair ſeruandis fell in contentioun immediatly therefter; the one being command vp the ſtreit, and the vther going doun, and without forder ſchot piſtoletis on ather ſydis at tother; and therwith the ſaid lord Glamis wes ſchot throche the head, teane theareefter to his ludging, and immediatlie died. The erle of Crafurde wes teane and put in the caſtell of Striuiling: four or fyve of his ſeruandis hurt, and the remnant eſcapit. Theare wes alſo ſome of the chancelleris men hurt.

Vpone the xix day of the ſaid monethe, Andro erle of Rothes, the ſaid lord Hereis, William lord Ruthuen come out of Sterling as commiſſioneris for the King, firſt to Edinburgh, and nixt to Dalkeithe

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quheare the erle of Mortoun wes, and yit as of befoir deſyrit the caſtell of Edinburgh to be randerit to the King. The erle Mortoune delayed to the xxv of the ſaid monethe, and then promitted that the ſamyn ſould be givin over without forder delay, conforme to the Kingis deſyre.

Vpone the ſaid xxv day of the ſameyn monethe, the ſaid lord Ruthuen, and Alexander Hay directoure of the chancellerie, wes direct out of Sterling from the King, to reſſave inuentour of the Kingis jovelis and munitioune being within the ſaid caſtell of Edinburgh: Patrik lord Lyndſay wes ordeanit to concur with thame, and ſie ane iuſt inuenture.

Vpone the firſt day of Apryle 1578, ane iuſt inuenture being maid compleit and endit, of all the Kingis jovellis, his motheris cleithing, tapiſtrie, munitioune and vtheris, being within the ſaid caſtell of Edinburgh, the perſonis haldin culpable of the ſlauchter of the Edinburgh men wes put out of the ſaid caſtell, at the poſtrum yet therof, and ſufferit to depairte withoute ony perſuite, at ane eſternoune or therby; and therefter the ſaid caſtell wes randerit be George Douglas of Perkhead, captane therof, to Johne Cunynghame of Drumquhaſell, and [James] Settoun of Touche, commiſſioneris direct from the King to reſſave the ſame, and to keip it till the comming of Alexander Erſkyne of Gogar, maiſter of Mar, captane therof appoynted be his hienes, at ſex houris at ewin or therby; and certane great artailyearie ſchot at thair furthecomming.

Vpone the ſame day, theare wes ane perliament proclamit to be haldin the tent of Julij nixt to come.

At this tyme it wes concludit be the nobiletie, that the King ſould cheiſe counſelleris ordinar and extraordinar to him ſelfe. The names of the ordinaris wer thir; Coline erle of Ergyle, Johne erle of Atholl, Johne erle of Montroiſe, George erle of Kaithnes, Patrik lord Lyndſay, and the lord Hereis, quhilkis wer for the temporall eſtait; Alexander Erſkyne of Gogar maiſter of Mar, in abſence of William maiſter of Merſchell, the

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commendatour of Deir his brother, Robert biſchope of Caithnes, and Mark commendatour of Nevbottle for the ſpirituall eſtaite; togither with William lord Ruthuen, theſaurer, Robert commendatour of Dumfermling, ſecretar, Mr George Buchannane, keiper of the priuie ſeall, ſir William Murray of Tullibardin knicht, controller, and Mr James M'Gill of Rankillour nether, clerk of regiſter. Certane vtheris lordis wer appoynted to be extraordinar, quhen they wer preſent to be vpone the counſell, or quhen his hienes ſent for thame: thir wer choſin quhill the ſaid tent day of Julij. At the ſame tyme it wes alſo ordeanit, that na ſignatouris of confirmatioun, donatioun, giftes, conductis, reſpectis nor remiſſionis ſould pas the ſealis, without the ſamyn wer ſubſcribit be the King and ſex of the ſaidis ordinare counſelleris, the chaunceller alwayis being ane, vtherwayis they ſould tak no effect. At the ſameyn tyme Johne erle of Atholl wes maid chanceller of Scotland.

Vpone the nynt day of the ſaid monethe of Apryle, Johne erle of Atholl, chanceller, the erle of Montroiſe, the erle of Egglinton, the lord Lyndſay, lord Hereis, the biſchope of Cathnes, and the remnant of the Kingis counſell come to Edinburgh, and ſatt in the tolbuithe therof vpone all maiteris concerning the Kingis Majeſtie, and his priuie counſell: theare intentioun wes to provyde the ſuirtie of his royall perſone, and in the meanetyme to tak ſick ordour for quyetnes of the countrie as wes requiſit.

Vpone the ellevint day of the ſaid monethe, they ſent furthe ane proclamatioun towardis the threſching furthe of the haill cornis of the countrie, quhilk wes mekill commendit be the commone pepill, be reſſone of the great derthe and ſkairſtie of victuall for the tyme; into the quhilk proclamatioun theare wes commendable ſtatutes comprehendit: as alſo, hafing reſpect to the ſtaite of the countrie, they maid ſick ſtatutis and ordinances as wer for the quyetnes of the pepill, to theare great praiſe.

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Vpone the xxvi day of the ſaid monethe, the erle of Mar, being of aidge xvj yeir old, and hafing conceavit ane grudge of beſoir that Alexander Erſkyne of Gogar wes choſen keiper to the King, and he miſknawin to be principall, he, withe the abbotis of Dryburghe and Cambuſkennethe, and certane vtheris his freindis, enterit within the caſtell of Sterling, and mannit the waponis being thearin, and war maiſteris of the plaice, and pat furthe the erle of Ergyle, quho wes thearin and ordeanit be the lordis of priuie counſell to auait vpone the King; ſum wes hurt, and the maiſter of Maris eldeſt ſone, being ane young ſpringell, deceaſſit for diſpleaſour. Quhilk diſcorde efter the lordis of priuie counſell knew, being in Edinburgh for the tyme, they, vpone the xxviij day of the ſaid monethe, paſt furthe of Edinburgh to Sterling, quheare they wer reſſavit baithe within the toun and plaice, and wreyt for ſum of thair freindis to meit thame theare in ſubſtantius maner.

In this meanetyme the erle of Mortoun wes in Lochlewin, and the erle of Angus in Dalkeithe, and vpone ane miſſive ſent to the erle of Angus be the King, deſyring him to come to Sterling, he conuenit his haill freindis, and went forduard to Linlithgow; and vpone the vther pairt the erle of Mortoun conuenit his haill freindis, to quhat purpois it wes vncertane. The toun of Edinburgh heiring this, ſuſpecting ſum evill purpoiſe to have been devyſit, they reaſit ane band of men of wear, to the number of a hundrethe, and ſent thame to Sterling for the preſeruatioun of the King. Thir men of wear wer not ſufferit to enter theare, bot remanit in Falkirk; and vpone the ſevint day of Maij, come with the lordis of counſall to Edinburgh, and the Maiſter of Mar come with thame, and reſſavit the keiping of the caſtell of Edinburgh that nicht.

At this tyme it wes concludit be the King in Sterling, that reconſiliatioun of the grudge and inimetie wes betuix the erles of Mortoun [Atholl] and Ergyle, ſould be maid in Edinburgh; and to that effect

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ther wer ſex noble men choſen for ather of the pairteis, quhilkis conuenit in Edinburgh vpone the ellevint day of Maij 1578 yeiris.

Alſo at the ſame tyme, the erle of Mar and the maiſter of Mar compromitted thame ſelffes to vnderly the ſentence and judgement of ſex noble men, tuitching the reconſiliatioun of the former controuerſie, quhairvpone ſum reſſonable conditionis wer concludit vpone, to the ſtay of forder inconuenie[ncie]: quhilkis war in ſpeciall, that the erle of Mar ſould be principall keiper of the King and the caſtle of Sterling, and that the maiſter ſould come to Edinburgh and be captane theare, and ſtay to the Kingis comming theareto.

The lordis that wer choſin to pacifie the foirſaid inimetie ſtanding betuix the foirſaidis erles of Mortoun, and Ergyle, and Atholl, efter reſſoning thearanent be the ſpaice of echt days, could not condiſcend vpone the headis and artickelis givin in be the ſaidis erles to thame: Quhairthrow the Kingis Majeſtie wes movit to ſend for thame to Sterling, to vnderſtand the motioun of thair delay; and vpone the xix day of Maij, at command of his Majeſties letter, they red out of Edinburgh to Sterling. At this tyme the erle of Atholl wes commandit to remeane in Edinburgh, and the erle of Mortoun in Dalkeithe.

Vpone the xxij day of the ſaid monethe, the lordis commiſſionaris returnit to Edinburgh, and brocht with thame the erle of Ergyle, quho, for obedience of the Kingis Majeſties will and ordinance devyſit in Sterling, vpone the morne with the erle of Atholl and the commiſſiounaris paſt to Craigmiller, quhair the erle of Mortoun met thame: And efter ſalutatioun, and reconſiliatioun of theare inimitie, they red altogither to Dalkeithe, quhair they dynit, and remeanit quhill ſevin houris at evin. And vpone the xxviij, the erle of Mortoun and ather of thame red be thair owin companeis all to Sterling, quhaire the erle of Mortoun wes reſſavit the ſame nicht within the caſtle thairof, and lay and eat continuallie thearin during his remeaning thairin, hafand more fami-

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liaretie with the Kingis Majeſtie then the erles of Ergyle, Atholl, Montroiſe or ony vtheris of thair factioun; hovbeet they had tuyſe in the day acces to the counſell within the caſtle.

Vpone the ſecound day of Junij, the men of wear teane vp be the toun of Edinburgh be ſound of trumpet in the Kingis name wer diſchairgit. At this tyme theare wes ane conuentioun ordeanit to be in Sterling, the tent day of the ſaid monethe, at the quhilk the nobiletie wes wreyttin for to be preſent, for redreſſing of all effearis of the realme; as alſo the commiſſioneris of burrowis wreyttin for to that effect.

At this conuentioun, the erle Mortoun remaining continually within the caſtle of Sterling nycht and day, accumpanied with a guid number of his freindis, enterit in ſick familiaretie with the Kingis Majeſtie and his houſhald, that he obteanit all maiteris ordourit at his deſyre, and ſpeciallie be moyoune of certane commiſſioneris of burrowis and vtheris that wer vpone the counſell, and had wat thairin. The parliament ordeanit to be haldin at Edinburgh the tent day of Julij nixt, wes ordeanit, efter ſenſing of the ſamyn, to be tranſported to Sterling, quheare the King, be reſſone of his minoretie and inhabiletie to trauell, wes thocht guid be the moiſt pairt of woitaris to remeane: and ſua the erle of Mortonis purpois tuik effect, without reſpect to the earneſt deſyre and will of the ſaidis erles of Ergyle, Atholle, Montroiſe and vtheris of that factioun, quhilk wes that the parliament ſould be in Edinburgh, and the King tranſportit therto.

Vpone the echt day of Julij, the erles of Ergyle, Atholl and Montroiſe come to Edinburgh, and vpone the tent day of Julij, cauſit ſenſe the parliament within the tolbuithe theirof.

Vpone the thretteine day of the ſaid monethe of Julij 1578, Patrik lord Lyndſay wes direct from the ſaidis lordis at Edinburgh to Sterling to the King, with certane artickelis, bearing, That ſeing it pleaſed the Kingis Majeſtie, with advyſe of his counſell conuenit at the conuen-

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tioun afoirſaid, to have the ſaid parliament haldin at Sterling, they deſyrit that the ſamyn ſould be fenſit and haldin within the tolbuithe therof, ſua that all noblemen and vtheris hafing woit mycht have frie acces therto; and they being informit that the ladie Maris ludging, and vtheris ludgingis within the ſaid toun of Sterling, wes fortefeid be the freindis and aſſiſteris of the erle of Mortoun and Mar, they alledgit that they could have no frie acces to the ſaid parliament, nor remaine within the ſaid toun for danger of ther lyfes.

It wes anſuerit be the King to the ſaides artickelis, that thair wes no plaice moir meit for halding the ſaid parliament nor the great hall of Sterling, the preſent eſtaite being conſidderit, [ſeing] he wes yit of tender yeiris, and had many vnfreindis, the ſaid tolbuithe of Sterling being ruinus, and ane dengerus place to commit himſelff in hazard; and as he thocht it meit, ſua luikit they wold yeild to the ſame, and ſua douttit not bot they wald be cairfull of his preſeruatioun, and therfoir cannot alter the plaice appoynted. This is not meanit to induce a preparatiue heireftir that our parliamentis ſalbe haldin in caſtellis, bot for thir cauſſes and many vtheris, he wes movit preſentlie thearevnto. All noble men and vtheris hafing woit in parliament ſhall have frie acces vnto his hienes: Theare ſalbe no fortificatioun of the toun or vther pairtes be maid, except that onlie ane number of tounſmen be appoynted for ane gaird, for keiping pace and quyetnes during the continuance of the ſaid parliament: ſua that they may be aſſurit, his Majeſtie wilbe moiſt cairfull that baithe they, the nobiletie, and all vtheris reſoirting to parliament ſalbe in ſuertie, vnder his ſaiftie and protectioun. The ladie Maris houſe ſalbe no moir hurtfull now nor in tymes paſt, and ſa ſall they find his Majeſtie als cairfull of thaire ſuiretie as of his awin. It is anſuerit to the ſecund concerning his Majeſties proclamatioun, Treulie gif they had beine with his grace, he wold have beine werie glad of thaire advyſes, bot leſt the ſimple peopill ſould be ſuddendlie movit to give

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credit, he could doe no les, with advyſe of his counſell and nobiletie preſent, nor derect out the ſame in ſick forme as it is; quhilk he doubtis not they lyk weill anuiche of, ſeing it is onlie meanit of invius perſonis, reaſeris of bruites tending to ſeditioun, quhom his grace is affurit they miſlyk als weill as he, as theare comming to his Majeſtie will the better teſtefie. To the laſt concerning the jovelis, his hienes wreyt to the maiſter of Mar of befoir, ſchewand that he wes deſyrus to ſie thame, that he mycht vſe ſa mony for his perſone at his parliament as ſould be thocht guid, and gif he reteanit thame ſufficient diſchairge to be maid in parliament; bot he thocht ſtrainge that ſick diſchairge ſould be ſocht befoir ſecuiretie could be fund, the act not being returnit yit to be regiſtrat: And thairfoir, in refuſall his hienes thinkis him ſelff evill handlit.

Vpone the xv [xxv] day of Julij 1578, the ſaid parliament wes ſenſit in the great hall of the caſtle of Sterling, and thairefter proclamatioun wes maid at the mercat croce of Sterling, commanding all eſtaites hafing woit to compeir within the hall of the ſaid caſtle vpone the morne, quhaire they ſould have frie acces to enter and woit according to the accuſtomed ordour. At this tyme their come at command of the Kingis letter certan men weill bodin in airmes, furthe of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Glaſgow, Dundie and Perthe, to keip gairdhouſe in the toun of Sterling during the tyme of the parliament, ſua that incaice ony inſurrectioun ſould bein, they ſould ſtay the ſame. They remainit quhill the xxvj day of the ſaid monethe. Vpone the ſame day, being the xv day of Julij, the erle of Montroiſe wes direct commiſſioner from the lordis at Edinburgh to Sterling.

Vpone the xvj day of the ſame monethe, the King cled in his rob royall, accumpanied with the erles of Angus quho buir the croune, the erle of Lennox the ſepter, and the erle of Mar the ſuord of honour, come on fute out of his owin chalmer to the ſaid great hall, and ſat

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upone his throne as vſe is. His Majeſteis rob royall wes borne vp be the erles of Mortoun, Eglintoun, Glencairne, Errole, Bothuell, Buchane, and lordis Boyde, Yeſter, Ruthuen, Oliphant, Drummond, and dyverſe vtheris theare preſent. Befoir onie thing wes donne in parliament, the ſaid erle of Montroiſe proteſtit that quhatſoever ſould be then donne ſould nawayis be preiudiciall to him and the remnant lordis at Edinburgh, nor tak effect, in reſpect it wes haldin within a caſtell, and not ane patent tolbuithe, quhair frie acces mycht be had to all the leidges of the realme for performance of thaire adois. The King ſtuid up, and pronuncit and declaired be his awin mouthe in judgement, the plaice to be moiſt ſuire for his owin perſoun; and, ſeing it wes his will that the parliament ſould be haldin theare, the plaice wes conuenient, and nather they, nor vtheris hafing woit, wes ſtoppit from comming thearinto according to the forme and ordour vſit of befoir.

They proceidit to the cheiſing firſt of the lordis of artickelis, quhilkis wer the erle of Mortoun ſuppleing the chancelleris roume, the erles of Angus, Lennox, Buchane, Eglintoun; the lordis Ruthuen, Boyd, and Ochiltree; the biſchopis of St Androis, Aberdein, Glaſgow, Murray; abbotis Drybruche, Cambuſkynnethe, Culros, Glenluce; commiſſioneris of Edinburgh, Perthe, Dundie, Sterling, Glaſgow, Air, and Irwing. No moir donne that day.

Vpone the xvij day of the ſaid monethe, the erle of Montrois and lord Lyndſay wes chairged be the Kingis letter to keip thair ludgingis in Sterling.

Vpone the xviij day, thair wes ane new counſell choſen to the King, quhilkis wer the erle Mortoun, Ergyle, Eglintoun, Rothes, Glencairne, Buchane, Lennox; the lordis Boyd, Cathkeart, and Ochiltrie; the abbottis of Cambuſkynnethe and Dryburghe, beſydes the ordinar officiaris.

Vpone the xx day of Julij, the erle of Montroiſe brak waird, and come out of Sterling; with ane man and him ſelff paſt hame quyetlie;

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therefter with all poſſible diligence returnit to Edinburgh, quheare the erles of Ergyle and Athole wes that ſame day agaitwaird to return to thair awin duellingis. Notwithſtanding he folowit thame with all expeditioun, and cauſit thame returne againe to Edinburgh; quheare efter lang conſulting amangis thameſelfes and thaire aſſiſteris, they leavit bandis of men of wear, to fecht for the libertie of the King, deteanit as they ſaid captiue; as alſua directit thaire poſtis away to conueine thaire haill freindis to that effect.

Vpone the xxiiij day of the ſaid monethe, the lord Lyndſay wes relevit out of his waird in Sterling, and wardit within the boundis of Fyffe.

Vpone the xxvij day, theare wes ane proclamatioun direct furthe from the King and publiſchit at the croce, chairging the proveſt and bailyeis that they ſufferit no men of wear to be teane vp, vnder the paine of treaſoun. Thir chairges wer diſſobeyit and lichtlie regairdit. The toun of Edinburgh ſent theare excuiſe to the King, ſaying that the ſaidis lordis war ſa mony within thair toun, that they durſt not reſiſt thame without hazard of thair lyfes, and tinſell of thair guides. At this tyme the King, the erle of Mortoun, and vtheris being about his Majeſtie, forſeing the denger that mycht folow gif the lordis at Edinburgh war not reſiſted, appoynted certane captanis for leafing of four bandis of men of wear on fute and twa on horſſe; and directit out his hienes proclamatioun and miſſiues, for conuening the haill forces they mycht mak aganis the tent of Aguſt nixt.

Vpone the xxviij day of Julij, captane Dauid Homes drummer being giangand throw the toun of Edinburgh, to leivey men vnder his charge in the Kingis name, the drum wes brokin, and the drummer evill dung be ſum of the lordis foloweris.

In this meane tyme the lordis within Edinburgh wer ane great number, aſſiſted be the Humes and Kerris; they leiveyit thrie hundrethe horſmen, vnder the chairge of Alexander Home of Manderſtoun.

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Theare wes vnder the chairge of young Ceſſuirde fiftie, vnder my lord Settonis chairge fiftie, my lord Ergyle, Atholl, Montroiſe, had evrie one of thame als mony vpone theare owin chairges, by thair houſhald and freindis, and four hundrethe futmen, men of wear. At this tyme the Kingis officiaris wes ſtayed to mak thair proclamatioun, and the ſamyn reft fra thame at Edinburgh.

At this tyme Mr Bowis, ambaſſadour reſident heir for the Queine of Ingland, ſeing maiteris pas to great vnquyetnes gif the great raidge had not beine tymuſly preuented, deſyrit to trauell betuix the King and the lordis, to pacifie thingis in ſa far as he micht, and to that effect reſſavit commiſſioun of the lordis at Edinburgh, to procure a licence at the Kingis handis, to certane lordis quhilkis had brokin waird to trauell in the maiter, and to abſteane on baithe ſydis fra all inuaſioun or perſeving of vtheris. He paſt to Sterling vpone the firſt of Aguſt; and efter proponing of his commiſſioun to the King and counſell, his deſyre wes granted. In this meanetyme the erle of Argyles forces wer lyand at Dumbartane, and eſtimat to xxvj hundrethe hieland men; the erle of Atholis forces eſtimat to ane thovſand lyand at Carmiſloche.

Vpone the tuelt day of Aguſt, the ſaidis lordis merchit out of Edinburgh, and come forduard to Falkirk; they wer eſtimat to xv^{c} men. The hieland men reaſed theare campis that nycht, and met theare maiſter at the Falkirk. Theare come to thame vpone the morne the maiſter of Caſſilis and Bargeany, with four hundrethe horſmen weill arrayit; they wer purpoſit to fecht for the libertie of the King or elis to die; thair haill number wes eſtimat to ten thovſand men or therby.

Vpone the ſame day Mr Bowis come out of the Falkirk to Sterling from the lordis with certane artickelis, and vpone the morne returnit back with ane anſuer; and vpone the ſame day, the erle of Angus heiring tell of the lordis coming to Falkirk paſt furthe with iiij^{c} horſ-

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men, and red within ane halfe myle to the Falkirk, quhaire certane of his adverſaris come out, and maid a litle pricking without ſkeathe. Theare wes ane James Johnſtoun ſeruitour to the maiſter of Glamis, and Willie Taite in Ceſſurde burne, quho provoikit the ſaid James to brek ane ſpeare for his luifes ſaik. They ran togither; the ſaid Willie wes ſtrickin to the grund and died, the vther throw the thie and litle war. Thus the ambaſſadour, hafing reſſavit anſer from the King, returnit the xiij day of Aguſt to the lordis, in the morning, promiſſing to returne with all expeditioun to ſchew how the lordis ſould be content with the artickelis, in the meanetyme to await his comming. The haill forces within the toun merchit furthe and muſtourit at Bannokburne, thinking they ſould fecht gif the artickelis war not teane in guid pairt. They remanit on the feildis for thrie hours, and then the ambaſſadour returnit, and willed on of the artickelis to be mendit, quhairinto the King and his conſell condiſcendit; and ſo it wes aggreet vpone the headis efter foloving.

'James be the graice of God King of Scotis, to all and ſundrie to quhais handis and knavledge thir letters ſall come, greating. Witt ye ws for the tender love and affectioun quhilk we bear to all our ſubiectis, forſeing the wrack and calamitie with the quhilk our realme ſalbe afflicted, gif the preſent diuiſioun and appearant trubles be ſufferit to forder proceid, thearefoir, with advyſe conſent and mature deliberatioun of the lordis of our ſecreit counſell, to the pleaſoure of God and publick quyetnes of our haill realme and ſubiectis, at the earneſt trauelis of our derreſt ſiſter the Queine of Ingland be hir ambaſſadour reſident with ws, we have pronuncit, declairit, ſtatute and ordeanit, and be thir our letters pronunces, declaires, ſtatutes and ordeanis as folowis.

'Firſt, that all hoſtiletie ſall without ony delay ceaſe, and all forces diſſoluit except ſum bandis of horſmen alreadie reſſavit vpone our chairges, quhilkis bandis we will ſalbe only employit for the quyetnes of

our borders or vtheris our effairis, and not aganis the lordis at Linlithgow and thair aſſiſteris in this lait actioun.

'Foraſmikle as we vnderſtand and ar ſuirlie perſuadit, that the lordis at Edinburgh for the love and tender affectioun they buir to ws tuik armes, we accept and allowes the ſamyn ſen the tent day of Junij laſt as guid ſeruice, and all the pairteis and adherentis in the ſame acceptit be ws as guid ſeruandis and ſubiectis.

'We will alſo that our rycht treaſt cooſing and counſellour the erle of Ergyle ſall remaine with our counſall, and remain within our caſtle of Sterling, with lyk number as ony vther noble man is ludgit therin, ſaifing the erle of Mar that hes the cuſtodie therof; and the ſaid erle of Ergyle ſall have the lyk acceſe vnto ws and oure eare as ony vther noble man.

'We will lykwayis that the erle of Montroiſe and the lord Lyndſay ſalbe addit to our counſell, as twa of the thrie appoynted be our lait act of parliament, and the thrid to be nominat quhen we think tyme.

'We will call vnto ws acht noble men, with advyſe of our derreſt ſiſter and couſinge the Queine of Ingland, and be thair guid aſſiſtance will tak ordour, God willing, betuix and the firſt day of Maij nixtecome, for reconſiliatioun of oure nobiletie, to be vnited for all actiounis quhatſoever fallin out amangis thame be occaſioun of thir trubles, and finall ending of the ſamyn.

'We will that the keiperis of our caſtellis of Edinburgh and Dumbartan ſall reteine the keiping and cuſtodie of the ſamyn, vntill we, with advyſe of the ſaidis acht noblemen, give ordour in the cauſe rememberit, ſa as the ſamyn may be maid befoir the firſt day of Maij nixtocome at fordeſt.

'Our will and pleaſour is that all noblemen, barronis, gentilmen and ſubiectis comming to ws to doe our deutifull ſeruices and guid offices ſalbe admitted to our preſence and frie ſpeiche, as to guid ſubiectis apperteanis.

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'Our will and pleaſour is alſo that the laird of Drumquhaſill ſalbe free from his horning, to the effect he may mak his comptis and thairefter returne to his chairge.

'Gevin vnder our ſignet and ſubſcribit be ws, with avyſe of the lordis of our ſecreit counſell, at the caſtle of Sterling the xiiij day of Auguſt, and of our rignes the tuelft yeir. 1578.'

Vpone the xiiij day of Auguſt 1578, the erles of Ergyle, Atholl, Montroiſe returnit to Edinburgh with thair haill forces except the hieland men, quha paſt hame to thair awin countrie. And vpone the xix day of the ſamyn monethe, the ſaidis lordis depairtit hame from Edinburgh to thaire awin houſſes, quhair they conſulted, and met at dyverſe tymes at Dunkeld and Kincardin.

At this tyme the lairdis of Ceſſuird and Coldinknowis, wardanis for the middel merches, war ſent for be the King, for taking ordour with the bordouris. The erle Mortoun and the laird of Coldinknowis falling out in heich termes in Sterling, the laird of Coldinknowis tuik his leive quyetlie of the King, and come away ſuddanlie hame: the laird of Ceſſurd ſtayed ſum ſex or ſevin dayis, and therefter returnit hame efter the reſeat of his directioun.

Alſua at this tyme ane captane Strathauquhane haſing reſſavit directioun of the King and his counſall to levey certane men of wear to pas in Flanders, notwithſtanding they wer vnderſtood to be lifted at command of the erle of Mortoun, and that commiſſioun granted to cullour the maiter, for they meanit to man the ſtepils of Edinburgh and thairwith bring the toun vnder ſubiectioun. In this meanetyme the erle of Atholl paſt in Fyffe. And in the toun of Couper conuenit to ſpaik with him Adame Gordoun of Achindoun brother to the erle of Huntlie, M'Kuntoſche, David erle of Crafurd, ſir James Balfure and certane of the barronis of Fyfe: and efter a litle commouning with the ſaid erle of Atholl, the ſaidis perſonis and vtheris the barronis of Fyffe,

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to quhas plaices he therefter red, condiſendit to his deſyre, and ſubſcryvit ane band preſentit be him. Thus the ſaid erle of Atholl maid ane great number in Fyffe of his factioun.

Vpone the ellivint day of September, theare wes a proclamatioun maid at the mercat croce of Edinburgh, tuitching the conyie of the xxx, xx, x, and v ſhilling peiceſe; the xxx ſ. peice wes ordeanit to give xxxij ſ. viij d. and the reſt according therto, and to be brocht in to the counyiehous betuix and the firſt of Merche nixtocome. This wes altogither miſlykit be the commone pepill, and ſpeciallie be the inhabitants of Edinburgh. And this ſame proclamatioun prohibit any man to refuſe the ſiluer of this reat vnder the paine of dead.

Vpone the xiiij day of September, theare wes a proclamatioun tuitching the electioun of the acht noble men for reconſiliatioun of the nobiletie, according to the determinatioun maid at Falkirk. The King electit the perſons following, to wit, the erles of Rotheſe and Buchane, the lordis Ruthuen and Boyd, for the erle of Montroiſe factioun; Hereis, Ogilbie and Innerneath, for the erle of Ergyle and Atholis factioun. And to that effect ordeanit thame to meit at Sterling vpone the xx day of September inſtant, and to await thairvpone quhill the firſt day of Maij nixt, to treat vpone all actionis and greiffes fallin out amangis the nobiletie throw occaſioun of the lait trubilis; and ordeanit all perſonis ſkaithed at the ſaidis trubles to give in thair complaynt to the ſaidis lordis and they ſould be hard.

Att this tyme the King ſend to the proveſt and bailyeis of Edinburgh, deſyring thame be his letter to come to his Majeſtie for ordour taking about the electioun of new magiſtratis, in reſpect the tyme of Michelmes wes approching. The counſell of the toun wold not condiſend that the proveſt ſould pas thither, bot ſent two of thair bailyeis, twa decanis, and twa of thair counſell; quho reſſavit ane anſuer of the King, bot returnit back with a chairge, chairging the proveiſt to come him

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ſelff vnder the paine of horning. The proveſt at command of this chairge paſt to Sterling.

Vpone the xxviij day of September, being Michelmas ewin, the erle of Atholl come to Edinburgh [with] Alexander Home of Manderſtoun, Coldinknowis, Ceſſurd and the lord Settoun. And within fyve dayis thairefter the erles of Ergyle and Montroiſe come to Edinburgh, quhaire they devyſit to ſend the Ingliſche ambaſſadour and the lord Lyndſay to Sterling, to deſyre the erle of Mortoun leave the caſtle thairof. He condiſcendit to pas thairout within aucht dayis; appoynting in the meane tyme that fyve nobilmen ſould meit for ather pairtie vpone the xvj day of October nixt at Inuereſk kirk, to comoune vpone all debeatis betuix the erles of Ergyle and Athol on the one pairt, and the erle of Mortoun on the tother. The names of the perſonis appoynted for Ergyle and Atholl wer the erle of Montroiſe, Mark commendatour of Nevbotle, ſir James Balfour pryour of Pittinweyme, the laird of Barganie and Peter Hay bailyie of Erroll; and for the erle of Mortoun, Robert erle of Buchane, Robert commendatour of Dumfermling, Robert lord Boyd, ſir John Gordoun of Lochinvar knicht and Mr James Haliburton proveſt of Dundie, &c. Vpone the threttein day of October, the erle of Mortoun come out of Sterling to Calder, and vpone the morne to Dalkeithe.

Vpone the ſaid xvj day of October, the perſonis befoir namit met at Inuereſk, and delayit the maiter quhill the morne to meit at Libertoun; and on the nixt day met at Edinburgh, and then at Nevbotle. And efter the aggriement of all maiteris, the erles of Atholl, Ergyle and Mortoun, with the perſonis namit of befoir, met vpone the xxiij of the ſame monethe in Leithe, and theare dynit altogither at one buird in Walter Cantis houſe, and efter denner tuik guidnicht at the end of the linkis narreſt Leithe, and depairted.

Vpone the xxiiij of the ſaid monethe, the erles of Ergyle and Mon-

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troiſe paſt out of Edinburgh to Sterling to the King. Schortlie thairefter, about the tuelt of November, theare wes a generall conuentioun of the haill nobiletie appoynted to be haldin at Sterling caſtle the fyftein day of January nixt, quheare ordour ſould bein takin with the Kingis houſe. This conuentioun wes continowit to ane parliament to be haldin theare the fyft of Merche nixt thairefter.

Vpone the vj day of Merche 1578, the ſaid parliament wes fencit within the great hall of Sterling, and continowit fyve or ſex dayis to the incomming of the nobiletie. Vpone the tuelt day of the ſaid monethe, Atholl and Montroſe come into Sterling to the parliament. The erle of Atholl being chanceller for the tyme wes long luikit for befoir his comming, bot being diſeaſit be a ſair leg could not guidlie trauell. At this tyme theare wer preſent Coline erle of Ergyle, Archibald erle of Angus, John erle of Atholl chanceller, James erle of Mortoun, Hew erle of Egglintoun, John erle of Mar, Andro erle of Rothes, John erle of Montroiſe; the lordis Hereis, Boyd, Ruthuen, Cathkeart, Ochiltrie and Innermeathe.

Vpone the xvj day of Merche, the King being inquyrit be his counſell quhair he thocht guid to mak his reſidence, he declaired he wold mak his reſidence within the caſtle of Sterling quheare he wes brocht up, quhill he ſaw forder, and wold pas no quheare elis bot to the park in ſymmer tyme, allenerlie for his paſtyme and recreatioun. And inquyring of his counſell quhat they thocht of that, they anſuerit, ſeing it wes his Majeſties owin will and pleaſour, they could not diſſagrie thairfra, provyding that the erle of Mar and his ſuirteis bund for him in the keiping of the King ſould be no forder aſtricted bot within the caſtle allenerlie, and not withoute; quhairvpone ane act of counſall wes ordeanit to be maid. Vpone the xvij day of the ſaid monethe, this parliament wes ordeanit to be deſert, and none to be at all till new warning wer maid.

Vpone the xvj day of Apryle 1579, the erle of Atholl, chanceller,

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paſt furthe of Sterling that nicht to Kincardin werie ſeik and ill at eaſe, and vpone the tuentie fourt day thairof deceiſſit theare. And being oppinit, vpone the declaratioun of the doctouris and hypothecaris preſent that theare wes poyſoun within the corpis, the laird of Garntullie his ſiſterſone and certane vtheris his freindis come to the King, and freelie declaired that he wes poyſonit.

Immediatlie heareſter it wes condiſcendit vpone be the King and his counſell, that the nobiletie ſould pas with all thair forces vpone Johne commendatour of Abberbrothock, and Claud commendatour of Paſlay, and theare partakeris knavin culpable of the murthouris of the erles of Lennox and Murray, his Majeſteis guidſer and vncle, for bringing of thame befoir the juſtice to be puniſchit for thair demeritis. For the quhilk effect theare wer iiij ^{c} waidged men teane vp vpone the Kingis expenſſe. And vpone the fourt day of Maij, for putting of this quyetlie devyſit purpois to executioun, the erle of Mar being accumpanied with a number of his freindis, paſt furthe of Sterling at aucht houris at ewin, and met the erles of Mortoun and Angus in Hamiltoun vpone the morne, quheare they incloſit the caſtle of Hamiltoun, quhilk wes fortefeid with men and victualis. The houſſes of Draffen and Paſlay wer in lykmaner fortefeid.

The ſaidis abbotis of Abberbrothok and Paſlay wer not in theare ſtrenthes, bot conuoyed thame ſelfes quyetly to ſick pairt as no man knowis.

Vpone the fyft day of Maij, according to the Kingis proclamatioun, commanding all his ſubiectis als weill to burghe as to land to reaſe and meit his Majeſteis leiftennentis at Hamiltoun, the toun of Edinburgh merchit furthe therof to Linlithgow, quho wer eſtimat xv ^{c} men weill arrayed. Quho, hovbeet they wer moiſt willing to theare jorney, yit the King be his letter ſtayed thame, and willed thame to furniſche twa hundrethe men of wear to the aſſaidge of Hamiltoun allenerlie, vpone

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theare expenſſe; quho willinglie yeildit and ſent the ſame thither with expeditioun. At this tyme theare wes certane artailyearie tranſportit furthe of Edinburgh, Sterling and Dumbartane, to aſſaidge the caſtle of Hamiltoun.

Vpone the xiiij day of Maij, Dauid commendatour of Dryburche wes ſent be the lordis at Hamiltoun to the King, with certane artickles gevin furthe to thame be the keiperis of the caſtle of Hamiltoun, promittand to rander, gifand thame thair lyfes with bag and baggadge. It wes anſuerit that his hienes wold graunt na mercie to ſick as wes knowin culpable of the murthouris, bot wold graunt the fauor requyrit to the innocent, and ſick as wold byd aſſyſe of the ſameyn.

Vpone the xviij of the ſame monethe, the caſtle of Draffin wes gevin over and teane be young ſir James Hamiltoun vpone ane accident. At this tyme Paſſay wes randerit to the maiſter of Glencairne, and be him at the Kingis command to the perſone of Campſie.

Vpone the xix day of Maij at twa eftirnone, the houſe of Hamiltoun wes randerit be ane contentioun fallin betuix the giltie and innocentis of the murthouris. Quhilk being givin over wes ordeanit be the King and his counſell to be dimoliſchit to the grund. The perſonis ſuſpect wer Arthour Hamiltoun of Muretoun, Archie his ſone, Arthour of Boduelhauche, William Murehead brother to Lachope, John of Sillertounhill and Thomas Warrok: Arthour wes put to ane aſſyſe and hangit in Sterling, the reſt committed to ſeuerall wairdes.

Vpone the tuelt day of Junij at fyve houris in the morning, the King paſt furthe at the yet in the nether bailye, and returnit at ſevin houris from the perk to the caſtle, quheare he enterit in at the foir yet; and the firſt wes the firſt tyme the King come furthe to the feildis accumpanied only with his owin domeſtickis.

Vpone the xvj day of Junij, the lady Atholl, and certane of the erle of Atholis freindis, and the doctouris and chirurgiane quho wer preſent

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at the oppining of the ſaid erle of Atholl, hafing repairit to Sterling to give tryell quhither the ſaid erle wes poiſſonit or not, the ſaidis doctouris and chirurgianis, efter long reſſoning, declairit in preſence of the Kingis Majeſtie that he wes poiſſonit, and that theare wes poyſioun within his corpis, quhilk wes the occaſioun of his deathe.

Vpone the xvij day of Junij, thair come a Frencheman namit Monſiour Naw, as ambaſſadour from the Queine of Scotland then in Ingland, naming our King onlie Prince, and preſented him ſelfe firſt to the caſtle of Edinburgh, deſyring to ſpaik with the maiſter of Mar captane therof; quheare he gat no entres, bot [wes] refuſit quhill firſt he preſented his meſſadge to the King.

Vpone the morne thairefter, the ſaid ambaſſadour paſt from Edinburgh to Sterling, and being earneſt to diſchairge his meſſadge to the King, vpone the xix day deſyrit his hienes preſence. Bot his miſſiue letter being direct vpone the back with thir termes, To OUR SONE THE PRINCE OF SCOTLAND, not naming him King, lykas the ſaid ambaſſadour refuſit to acknawlege him as King be his meſſadge, the counſell and nobiletie preſent therfoir thocht it meit that he ſould have no preſence at all, and that his meſſadge ſould be no forder hard and anſuerit: quhairvpone he depairted but preſence of the King, vpone the xx day of the ſamyn monethe.

Vpone the ſevint day of Julij, the corpis of the ſaid erle of Atholl being brocht and conuoyit to Dumblayne, wes caried furthe therof the direct way to Dunfermling, quheare they remanit that nycht; and vpone the morne paſt furthe with to Edinburgh, quheare a great number of freindis wes conuenit to the buriell; and vpone the tent day wes honorablie conuoyit with his freindis from Haliroudhous to St Jeilis Kirk, quheare he wes buried at the eaſt ſyde of the alter on the ſouth ſyde of the church namit.

At this tyme theare wes a generall conuentioun appoynted to be at

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Sterling, vpone the ferd day of Aguſt, anent ordour taking for the Kingis removing.

At quhilk tyme it wes aggreet, that the parliament appoynted to be haldin at Edinburgh vpone the xx day of October nixt, ſould then proceid in the ſame plaice. It wes alſo then concludit, that the King ſould remove furthe of Sterling to Edinburgh vpone the xxiiij day of September nixt, how, and in quhat maner he ſould be conuoyit. Vpone the tent day of Auguſt, Coline erle of Argyle wes woited in counſall, and creat chanceller.

Vpone the tuelt day of Auguſt, ane William Trumbill and William Scot wes hangit at the croce of Sterling for making of certane ballatis, quhilkis wer thocht hable to ſaw diſcorde amangis the nobiletie. And this wes thocht ane new preparative, ſeing none had beine execut for the lyk of befoir. Notwithſtanding quhearof, in the ſkailing of the pepill from the execution, thair wes ten or tuelff inuectiue and diſpytfull letters fund in proes, tending mikle to the diſpraiſe of the erle of Mortoun and his prediceſſouris.

In this meanetyme thair arryvit in Irland ten thovſand Spanyeardis. Vpone the ſeventeine day in the nicht, and xviij in the morning, thair blew ſick ane tempeſt at the hearing dreav of Dunbar, that pariſchit iij ^{xx} fiſcher botis and thrie hundrethe men.

Vpone the xx day of Auguſt, the King dynit in the caſtle of Doune, and returnit to his ſupper at Sterling. Vpone the xxv day of Auguſt, the King red to Alloway, quhair efter he had ſtayed four dayis, he returnit to Sterling.

Vpone the aucht day of September 1579, the lord Obinie, being the Kingis guid ſcheris brother ſone, come in Scotland, and landit at Leithe accumpanied with xx perſonis; and vpone the morne wes conuoyit to Edinburgh be the abbay, and met at the nether bow be the proveſt, bailyeis, and honeſteſt burgeſſes of the toun.

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Vpone the xv day of the ſaid monethe of September, the lord Obyiny come to Sterling, and gat preſence of the Kingis Majeſtie in the great hall within the caſtle of Sterling; he wes a man of comlie proportioun, ciuile behauiour, readbeardit, honeſt in converſatioun, weil lykit of be the King and a pairt of his nobiletie at the firſt.

Vpone the xxix day of September 1578 [9], his Majeſtie tuik jorney from Sterling to Edinburgh, notwithſtanding of ane great wynd quhilk threattin thair ſtay: he dynit at Doneypeace, and ſovpit in the palace of Linlithgow. He come to Halyrudhous the nixt nicht; and comming by the long geat, the toun of Edinburgh met him in thair armes, [theare] being [with him] twa thovſand horſmen or therby, and as the caſtle ſchot ſo did they give him ane woley: he wes ane great delyt to the beholderis.

At this tyme the accompliſchment of the mariadge betuix Monſiour de Allanſoun brother to the King of France, and the Queine of Ingland wes in handis and deſyrit earneſtly of hir: bot the nobilletie wes far againſt [it,] ſuppoſing ane inconuenient to inſchew thairvpone.

Vpone Fryday the xvj day of October, his Majeſtie maid his entrance in Edinburgh. He come furthe of Dalkeithe quhair he had bein at banket four dayis of befoir; he enterit at the Weſt Poirt, quhair he wes met be the honeſt men of the toun cled in ſilk gounis lynit with weluet, to the number of j^{c}, vſing ſick ceremonies as wes requiſit for a prince.

Vpone the xx day of the ſaid monethe, being the firſt day of the parliament befoir wreyttin, the magiſtratis of Edinburgh propynit the King with ane goldin copbuird, eſtimat to ſex thovſand merkis.

Vpone the xxiij of the ſamyn monethe, the King come to the tolbuithe of Edinburgh; befoir quhom the croune wes borne be Archbald erle of Angus, the ſceptour be Coline erle of Ergyle, the ſuord be Robert erle of Lennox.

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The lordis of artickelis wer chofin this day, quhairof the erle of Mortoun, Ergyle, Rothes, Lennox, Egglintoun, Montroiſe, the lordis Lyndſay, Ruthuen, biſchopis St Androis, Glaſgow, Orknay, Aberdeen, Robert commendatour of Dunfermling, Dryburghe, Culros, Deir, &c.

Vpone the ellevint and tuelt dayis of November, the King come to the tolbuithe of Edinburgh, quhair the parliament wes concludit. In this parliament the commendatouris of Abberbrothok and Paſlay, with fyfteine of thair number wer forfalted, and thaire leivingis diſponit. Paſlay wes diſponit to John erle of Mar.

In the monethe of Januar 1579, mairadge wes ſolemnizat betuix John erle of Atholl and the lord Ruthuenis dochter.

Vpone the xv day of Februar, the King depairted from Edinburgh to Sterling, accumpanied onlie with his owin houſhold and dependeris. Efter the Kingis ſtaying in Sterling ane litle ſpace, the lord Obynnie wes maid erle of Lennox, be the voluntar dimiſſioun of the Kingis uncle Robert, thereſter ſtylit erle of Merche.

At this tyme his Majeſtie, hafing conceavit ane inuaird affectioun to the ſaid lord Obynnie, enterit in great familiaretie and quyet purpoiſſes with him, quhilk being vnderſtood to the miniſteris of Edinburgh, they cryed out continually aganis atheaſtis and papiſtis that roundit in continually in the Kingis eariſ, ſaying it wald turne to his Majeſties ruine, and the hurt of the trew profeſſouris. Quhairvpone the King deſyrit the ſaid erle to confer with ſum of the miniſtrie vpone the poyntis of religioun, quho willinglie granted, and promitted to give a confeſſioun of his faithe betuix that and the firſt of Junij nixtocome. Vpone the xvj day of Merche 1578 [9], the ſaid erle of Lennox depairted from Sterling to Edinburgh quhair he remainit, and finally, befoir his returning to Sterling, geve confeſſioun of his faithe in preſence of the proveſt, bailyeis, counſell and communetie, and promitted, efter the ſubſcryving of the artickelis therof, not only to ratefie the ſame befoir the King, bot

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to die thairfoir gif neid beis, deſyring thame to eſteime it ane vpricht and ſinſeire zeale without hypocretie.

In this meanetyme thair wes ane deadlie inimitie betuix the erle of Mortoun and Ergyle, arryſing vpone ane repoirt that come to the King, that the erle of Mortoun ſould [have] tranſportit the King from Halyrudhous to Ingland. Quhairvpone folowit that in a general conuentioun in Sterling vpone the xxvj of Merche, amangis vtheris thingis, the erle of Mortoun geve in ane bill to the King, publicklie declairing that quhoſoever he wes that brutit him of the aforſaid calumnie, he lied in his throate, and gif his Majeſtie geve eare to ſuche reportis of his nobiletie, it wold bring on great inconuenences to him ſelfe, his eſteate and pepill.

Vpone the penult day of Apryle, Mr Bowis Ingliſchman come in ambaſſadge from Ingland to the King, anent the treating vpone maiteris of the borderis.

At this tyme the King tuik progres from Sterling be Perthe to Dynnotar. Vpone the xxv day of Junij, thair wes ane great wynd that bred ſundrie diſſeaſes leſting for thrie dayis, and maid aidged perſonis depairt. Vpone the xij of Auguſt the King returnit, and come from Sterling to Halyroudhous, quhair he remanit with his houſhold.

Vpone the [ij] day of September, Mr Bowis wes ſent ambaſſadour from Ingland, with ane general letter to the King and counſell, and with credit to him ſelff. The counſell being ſet, he wald not diſchairge his commiſſioun quhill the erle of Lennox wes removit, quhilk being denyed, the King ſent the lyk ambaſſadour with the lyk letter and credit to the Queine, and he ſtayed vpon anſuer.

At this tyme John Dounie brocht the peſt in Scotland in his ſchip quhairin war xl perſonis the maiſt pairt dead; directit to ſtay at St Colmſinche.

In this meantyme vpone the day of October, John erle of Mar

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wes maried in Kincardin vpone the lord Drummondis dochter, quhair the King wes preſent. And the lord Ruthuen returning thairfra coming by Dupling, vpone ane ſuddand chatmel wes onbeſat be the maiſter of Olyphant, quhair one Steuart brother ſone of Trackquaire wes ſlaine: my lord only ſtayed with ſex or ſevin of all the number being lvj or thairby. Quhairvpone the lord and maiſter of Olyphant wes chairged to anſuer ſuper inquirendis afoir the counſell, vpone the penult of November, during quhiche tyme cartalis paſt betuix thame, bot tuik no effect. Heirefter my lord and maiſter of Oliphantis compeirit with thair aſſiſteris to vnderly the law; thair could not then be had a ſufficient aſſyſe, and ſo the maiter wes continovit: bot the puir men als weill on the one ſyde as vther clenyit. In the meantyme the lord Oliphant and maiſter wer fugitiues.

Schortly efter the guid mane of Northbervick wes ſent ambaſſadour to Ingland, for inquyring the cauſe of Mr Bowis refuſing to vtter his commiſſioun, and quhat ſould bein the meaning of certane wordis of the generall letter; as alſua to ſeik hir aſſiſtance for repreſſing the inſolencies of the borderis; and laſt for ordour taking with pirraties vſit aganis Scotis merchandis. Quho returnit with ane generall anſuer.

Vpone the laſt day of December 1580, James erle of Mortoun wes accuſit befoir the King and counſall betuix four and fyve houris afternoune, be captane James Steuart, of the abhominable murther of the Kingis Majeſtie his father, and the perſon of Glaſgow. A Douglas wes declairit be directioun of the ſaid erle to have bein at the deid doing. The ſame nicht the erle wes commandit to keip waird within his houſe in Halyroudhous, vnder the paine of treaſoun, and in Januar thairefter wes committed to the caſtle of Edinburgh, quhair nane wes ſufferit to intercomoun with him, bot his four ſeruandis that did ſerue him. The ſaid Mr Archbald Douglas lykwayis, being chairged at his

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houſe in Morayne, could not be apprehendit: and ſir James Balfour wes new come out of France quyetly in Edinburgh.

Vpone the xviij day of Januar 1580, the erle of Mortoun wes conuoved from Edinburgh caſtle to Dumbartane caſtle, with the erle of Glencairne, the lord Seattoun, Robert Steuart fewar of Orknay, the tutour of Caſſilis, Bargany, Coldinknowis, Alexander Home of Manderſtoun and twa hundrethe hagbutteris of Edinburgh. The nicht befoir, certane perſonis cryed aloud to the caſtle, that gif the captane ſufferit him not to come furthe, the erle of Angus wald reuenge the quarrell vpone him. At quhilk tyme certane men of Edinburgh attendit the King baithe nicht and day. At quhilk tyme the erle of Angus geve up kyndnes with the erle of Lennox.

Vpone the ſame day Mr Randolphe, ambaſſadour fra the Quene of Ingland, come, and vpone the morne gat preſence. The ſaid ambaſſadouris petitionis wer, firſt, that the erle of Lennox ſould be removit of the cuntrie, becauſe, as wes evident be ane letter produced from the biſchop of Roſe, he had traffick with the papiſtis, and wes ſent for ane intelligence to the execution of the counſell of Trent. [Secundlie,] he deſyrit that the erle of Mortoun ſould be put to tryell, and that Mr Archbald Douglas mycht have libertie to come home to ſuffer the tryell of ane aſſyſe [without tortour], and that ſir James Balfour, quho wes returnit to Scotland, mycht be teane, layd handis on and tryed as culpable of the murthour of his father. Thir wer the ſpeciall headis. Efter proponing quhairof he threattned wear, incaice he fulfilled not the effect of his petitionis. Lykas thair wes ane great number of men of wear quho come to Beruick, and geve occaſioun to the King and counſall to fear the inſchewing of wear vpone the realme; and chairged all men betuix ſextie and ſexteine, to be radie to meit the King and his leiftennent, at quhat tyme and quhair he ſould appoynt thame be the nixt proclamatioun, and the haill ſchirefdomes of the realme.

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The anſueris to the ambaſſadouris petitionis war thir: Tuitching the erle of Lennox and his removing, he declaired that he wes his cheife kynſman, and to his knavledge not giltie of ſuche crymes as wer impute, and except he wer fund giltie efter tryell, he could not remove him vpone the ſicht of the copie of ane letter. Nixt, the erle of Mortoun can not be put to a tryell quhill Mr Archbaldis tryell firſt proceid, be reſſoune he wes accuſit as ane actuall committer of the ſlauchter, and ſent be the erle of Mortoun to that effect. Tuitching the tryell of the ſaid Mr Archibald without tortour, it is anſuerit it can not ſtand with the Kingis honour to enter in conditioun with his owin ſubiect, ſpeciallie in regaird of his cryme, quhilk can not be tried without tortour. As to ſir James Balfour, it wes anſuerit that his Majeſtie knew not that he wes in Scotland.

Vpone the xx day of Februar, thair wes a conuentioun of the nobilety and eſtaites at Edinburgh, quhairat John erle of Montroiſe wes maid leiftennent vpone the borderis; quhilk office he refuſit to accept bot vpone ſum conditionis, quhilk wes that he ſould have xv^{c} futmen and v^{c} horſmen under waidges to pas with him to the borderis; for payment quhairof thair wes ane taxatioun of xl^{m} pundis granted to be vplifted of the haill realme. He requyred the aſſiſtance of the noble men, barronis and gentlemen duelland within his leiftennendrie.

Vpone the xxv day of Februar, the erle of Angus, preſent at the conventioun, ſlipped out of Edinburgh in the nicht, vpone a certane knavledge had of luif letters paſt betuix the erle of Montroiſe and lady Angus, quhilk buir that gif the erle of Angus war wardit, then they micht meit with uther at thair pleaſer: thir letters war thocht heirefter to be forged, as it appeared they wer indeid.

Vpone the xiiij day of Merche, George Auchinleck of Balmanno wes teane be captane James Steuart tutour of Arrane, and put to the tortour vpone certane crymes he wes accuſit of, and ſpeciallie of the mur-

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thour of the erle of Atholl, and ſuppryſing of the Abbay of Halyroud-houſe, taking of the King furth therof, and of the plot for tranſporting him to England, and of reaſing of fyre in Edinburgh at four ſeuerall pairtes. To this he anſuerit as folowethe, in generall maner denying flatlie the accuſationis. Bot ane Alexander Lavſoun, ſeruitour to the erle of Mortoun, moiſt privie to the ſaid erle his effearis, efter tortour wes preſentit, he confeſt ane pairt of the conſpiracie, and quhair the erles gold and money wes, togither with ſundrie vtheris thingis quhilkis wer not knawin of befoir.

At this tyme the erle of Angus, being ſuſpected to be of mynd to bring in Ingland, and to mak defectioun from the Kingis obedience, wes chairged to enter his perſone in waird be northe the watter of Spay, as alſo to rander his houſe of Tamptalloun and Douglas, quhilkis he diſſobeyit alluterlie. Theare wes ſundrie vtheris of the erle of Mortounis freindis, and ſpeciallie his twa ſones, James pryour of Pluſcardie, and Archbald Douglas of Pittindreiche, John Carmichell of that ilk, the laird of Maines [and] Perkhead chairged to anſuer ſuper inquirendis; quhilk chairge they lykwayis diſſobeyit, and ſummondis of treaſoun direct aganis thame. At this tyme the laird of Lochlevin being chairged enterit, quho wes wairdit beyond Cromartie.

At this tyme, Mr Randolphe, remaining a guid ſpaice, practiſing certane craftie conſpiracies to the preiudice of the King and counſell, and at lenthe diſſapoynted, being thocht authour of the afoirſaid conſpiracie tuitching the tranſporting of the King to Ingland, he efter this cullourit excuiſe, threattnit preſent wear, and depairted hameward ſuddandlie.

Vpone the v day of Apryle, ſir John Settoun, ſone to the lord Settoun, wes direct ane ambaſſadour from the King to the Queine of Ingland, with a commiſſioun to treat vpone the preſent occaſioun of peax and wear: and, within thrie dayis efter his depairting, wes ſtayit at

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Beruick, quhilk wes thocht ane ſtrainge noveltie, that ane frie ambaſſadour, hafing neid of no paſport, ſould be ſtayed. Within aucht or nyne dayis, the ſaid ſir John returnit backward from Bervick to the King.

At this tyme captane James Steuart wes maid erle of Arrane and lord Hamiltoun, freelie diſponit to him be the King. And in this meanetyme, the Ingliſche forces that wer lyand vpone the frontieris wer diſſoluit withoute motioun of forder wear.

Thearefter the King come to Settoun, quhair he remainit fyve or ſex dayis; and from thence to Dalkeith, quhaire he concludit with his counſell to ſend for the erle of Mortoun from Dumbartane to the caſtle of Edinburgh, and to byd tryell of ane inquyſt. At quhilk tyme certane men, fauoureris of the erle of Mortoun, wer commandit of the toun ten myles, vnder the paine of dead.

Vpone Tyſday the therd day of Maij 1581, the erle of Montroiſe and captane James Steuart erle of Arrane, accumpained with theare freindis and certane men of wear, come to Dumbartane, and tranſported the erle of Mortoun.

Vpone the xxvij day of Maij, the ſaid erle of Mortoun come to Edinburgh, and wes put in Robert Gourlayis houſe, quhair he wes ſuirlie keipit be certane bandis of men of wear.

Vpone the firſt day of Junij 1581, the ſaid erle of Mortoun wes put to tryell, and brocht to the tolbuithe of Edinburgh, quhair he wes accuſit be James erle of Arrane, and Mr Robert Crichtoun the Kingis aduocat, of the treaſonable murthour of the Kingis father, and of dyverſe utheris treaſonable crymes perpetrat be him. He wes put to the knavledge of ane aſſyſe for the ſame; the names quhairof war Coline erle of Ergyle chanceller, James erle of Glencairn, John erle of Montroiſe, Hew erle of Egglintoun, Andro erle of Rothes, Alexander erle of Sutherland, George lord Settoun, James lord Ogilby, John lord Maxvell, Hew lord Summerveall, James lord Innermeathe, ſir John Gor-

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doun of Lochinvar knycht, the laird of Wachtoun, the maiſter of Leivingſtoun, ſir John Learmonthe of Dearſie and the laird of Kilſythe: the ſaid erle of Montroiſe wes chanceller of the aſſyſe. The ſaid erle of Mortoun wes conuict of airt and pairt for knavledge and conceiling of the murthour of the Kingis father, as wes cleared be ſundrie inſtrumentis and inſtructionis producit befoir the aſſyſe, quhairof ſum wer ſubſcribit with his awin hand, and utheris be the handis of ſick perſonis as wer actuallie preſent at the committing of the ſaid murthour. And thearefor dome wes pronuncit, that he ſould be hanged, headit, quartered and drawin.

Vpone the ſecund day of the ſaid monethe of Junij, the ſaid erle of Mortoun wes brocht to the mercat croce of Edinburgh, and theare beheadit. Being on the ſcaffald, he declaired that the erle of Bothuele, principall committer of the deid, come to him, and deſyrit him to ſubſcryve a band for perpetrating of the ſamyn. Quhilk band he refuſit to ſubſcryve, without the erle of Bothuel procurit the Queinis warrand to him thervpone; and ſua the erle of Bothuell, not content with his anſuer, come never againe to ſuite him to the afoirſaid purpois. Aluayis he knew of the deid, and conceilit the ſamyn, and therfoire meritithe deathe. And forder declaired vpone his conſcience, that he nevir meanit any hurt or prejudice to his Majeſtie, and that he had alwayis behavit him ſelfe as his deutifull and obedient ſubiect, and ſould bein as guid a legge as the King had in Scotland. He had great comfort that he died a criſtiane, in the trew and ſinceir profeſſioun of relligioun, quhilk he cravit all the faithfull to folow, and abyde therat to the deathe. His head wes put up vpone the tolbuithe of Edinburgh, and his bodie buried heall.

All this tyme the court wes fullelie gydit be the erles of Lennox and Arrane, and quhatſoever wes doune wes ſocht by thame onlie. Vpone the morne, ane John Bynning ſeruitour to Mr Archbald Douglas, quho

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declaired that he wes preſent at the ſaid murthour, wes hanged, headit, quarterit and drawin. Vpone the ſext of Junij 1581, the ſaid James erle of Arrane wes maried vpone dame Eliſabeth Steuart lady Lovit, befoir the erle of Merche his wyfe, bot diuorſit becauſe his inſtrument wes not guid.

Vpone the [xv] day of Auguſt, the erldome of Lennox wes creat in ane deukrie, the lordſchip of Dernlie in a erledome, and Tarboltoun in ane lordſchip, and therefter he wes namit diuk of Lennox, erle Dernlie, lord Tarboltoun, Obynnie and Dalkeithe, heiche chalmerlane &c., and proclamatioun maid heirvpone at the mercat croce of Edinburgh, be ſound of trumpet, heraldis, and utheris neceſſarie ceremoneis.

Vpone the xxix day of Auguſt 1581, the King maid progres from Edinburgh to Glaſgow, and returnit to Edinburgh vpone xvj day of October 1581. At this tyme ſundrie packetis tint in the Kingis chalmer. Vpone the xxiiij day of October, the parliament wes ſenſit in the tolbuithe of Edinburgh, quhaire the King come vpone the penult, accumpanied with his nobiletie in rich attyre. Onlie the lordis of artickelis wer choſen that day.

Vpone the Sonday, being the day preceiding, certane erles wes belted in Halyroudhous; viz. Eſme diuk of Lennox, erle Dernlie, lord Obynnie, Dalkeithe, Torboltoun, Aberdoure, knycht of Cruikſtoun, great chalmerlane of Scotland; James erle of Arrane, lord Hamiltoun, knycht of Kynneill; Robert erle of Orknay, lord Chetland, knicht of Birſay; William erle of Govrie, lord Ruthuen and Dirdltoun; and John erle of Mortoun, lord Maxvell, lord Eſdaill and Kairlelle, knicht of Mernis. The diuk had ſex knychtis, Arrane four, Govrie twa, Mortoun thrie.

Vpone the xj of November being Sonday, the maiſter of Ogilvie wes maried vpone the erle of Govreis dochter in Halyroudhous, quheare theare wes great triumphe, eſpecially vpone Weddniſday at nicht great fyre work.

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Vpone the xxviij of November 1581, the King come to the tolbuithe; the diuk of Lenox buir the croune, the erle of Huntly the ſuord, the erle of Ergyle the ſuord of honour. At quhilk tyme certane perſonis wer forfalted, as theſe that trafficked with Ingleiſche nobilety conſpyred aganis the Kingis father, and perſuaiding the Ingleiſche nobeletie to leviat ten thovſand men, to be brocht vpone the fronteiris for reſeving the erle of Mortoun; viz. Archbald erle of Angus &c., Mr Archbald Douglas perſone of Glaſgow, John Carmichell elder, and Hew Carmichell younger of that ilk, Douglas pryour of Pluſcardein, the erle of Mortounis baſtard, and the laird of Spot, ſicklyk and read Heckie Douglas. The ſamyn day, Andro Gray of Donynald wes forfalted for reaſing fyre, and burning ane pairt of Readcaſtell; and ane Thomas Roreſtoun for adulterus and fals money counyeid.

Vpone the morne the penult day of the ſaid monethe, the diuke come nocht to the tolbuithe, bot his plaice and the careing of the croune ſupplied be the erle of Huntlie; the erle of Ergyle buir the ſepteour, and Atholl the ſuord. It wes thocht that he abſented him ſelff becauſe of ane diſcord fell out betuix the lord Settoun [and] ſir John Settoun his ſone. Many proteſtationis this day. And becauſe the lord Settoun and his ſone wer commandit to thair ludgingis, it wes thocht that ſum inconveniences ſould folow. At quhilk tyme alſo the diuk and erle of Arrane, efter ſundrie myntis, ſould fochtin the combat, and thearvpone arreaſe a ſuſpitioun of the diuk his relligioun, and the mantinance of the murthereris of the Kingis father.

Vpone the xviij day of December, the King paſt out of Edinburgh to Dalkeithe. Vpone the day of Januar, the ladie Arrane wes delyverit of ane ſone in Halyroudhous. The King wes deſyrit to the baptiſme, bot in reſpect of the grudge betuix the diuk and him wes ſtayed. Lykas the King ſend a letter wreyttin and ſubſcribit with his awin hand to the Arrane, deſyring him to compeir beſoir the counſall the

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firſt day of Februar, for ſurrandering his office of the captanrie of the gairde; quhilk the ſaid erle obeyed, and compearit, and brak his battoun. Efter his declaratioun of his cairfull keping of the King, quhairof he obteanit diſchairge, he craued ane warrand to tranſport him ſelff of the countrie for fyve yeiris, and that he mycht have ane warrand for reconſiling the erle of Atholl, Crafurde and maiſter of Glamis, anent thair deadlie feadis.

At this tyme John erle of Mar wes ſend for, being out of the countrie, and reponit to his wonted credit with the King, and had his eare. At this tyme Arrane depairted furthe of Edinburgh to Kynneil, quhair he remanit to the vij day of Marche 1581, and the ſamyn day returnit to Edinburgh to court; and then the diuk paſt to Dalkeithe. Vpone the [viij] day of the ſaid monethe, the King went to Dalketh to ane banket, quhaire the erle of Arrane come on the morne, and the reconſiliatioun concludit theare. Vpone the xxj day of Marche, the King ryding to Sterling dynit be the way in Kynneill.

At this tyme the biſchoprick of Glaſgow waicand in his Majeſteis handis throw the deceiſe of biſchope Boyd laſt biſchope, the diuk trauellit and effectuat with the King the making of Mr Robert Mongomerie miniſter of Sterling. Aganis the quhilk, baithe the deane and chapter and haill miniſtrie opponit in pulpit, publictly exclaming baithe aganis his doctrine, lyfe and conuerſatioun, and intented proces of excommunicatioun aganis him for ſeiking the ſamyn, alledging that it had the warrand of the deuill and not of the word of God, bot wes damnit thairby. Notwithſtanding quhairof, the King preferrit Mr Robert to the biſchoprick, and he wes ſo acknavledgit be the King, counſell and court, bot nocht with the miniſtrie, quho thearefter accuſit him at St Androis vpone vnſufficient doctrine, and conuict. At the ſamyn tyme, the ſaid Mr Robert with all penitence confeſſit his offence in thaire preſence, in that he had aſpyred to ane vnlavfull calling, and ſubſcribit never to ſuite efter the

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ſaid biſchoprick, bot to content him ſelfe with his former chairge; and yet immediatly thairefter folowed furthe the ſuite, and ſocht the fruites. Quhairvpone the miniſtrie being heichlie offendit, they chairged him of new for compearance befoir the aſſemblie, of mynd to excommunicat him, quhair the laird of Mynto then proveſt ſtayed the purpois, and diſſolved thame perforce, ſending ſum to the tolbuithe, and dinging vtheris; quhairvpone great truble reaſe betuix the colledges and the tounſmen. Lykas ſchortlie heirefter ſum of the miniſteris, for thair oppin miſbehauiour and exclaiming aganis Mr Robert, wes ſuſpendit; and yit Mr Robert wes excommunicat baithe in Libbertoun and Dalkeithe and Edinburgh: quhaire, efterhend reſoirting from St Johnſtoun, he wes oppinlie onbeſet be laſſes and raſcalis of the toun, and howeid out of the toun be flinging of ſtones at him, out at the kirk of feild porte, and narrovly eſcaipid with his lyfe.

Vpone the xxvj day of Julij, Frances erle of Bothuell come from France, and landit at Leithe. [He] come to the King being at Perthe, vpone the xxix day, quhair he wes hairtelie welcomed. The King come to the huntis to Atholl; the diuk of Lennox returnit to Dalkeithe, Arrane to Kynneill, and left the King accumpanied with the erle of Atholl, Govrie and his owin gaird allenerlie: And vpone the xxij day of Auguſt, returnit and come to Ruthuen.

Vpone the xxiij day of the ſaid monethe, the erles of Mar, Govry and thair freindis interpryſed the takin of the King at Ruthuen. And the ſamyn nicht the erle of Arrane, being forſeine of the erle of Mar, diuydit his cumpanies; and quyetly knaving that he wes to be ſet one uther wayis be the way, come to the yet of Ruthuen, quhaire he wes let in, and ſeaſit vpone, and teane put in waird in ane chalmer, and vpone the morne ſent to Dupling. His brother William Steuart wes euill hurt, with ſundrie vtheris of his cumpanie, and ane number teane alſo be the erle of Mar and his cumpany; the erle of Mar [had] vj^{xx} horſ-

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men, and the ſaid William fourtie. This wes doune betuix Perthe and Ruthuen on the feildis. Vpone the morne the King come to Perthe, quhair the noblemen geve in theare ſupplicatioun ſchewing the cause of the conflict, quhairvpone the King be oppin proclamatioun cauſit notefie that he wes not deteanit, bot that they had doune guid ſeruice. At quhilk tyme the Diuk come from Edinburgh to Dalkeithe.

Vpone the penult day of Auguſt 1582, the King returnit from Perthe to Sterling, accumpanied with the erles Bothuell, Mar, Glencairne, Govrie, the lord Lyndſay, maiſter of Olyphant, theare hovſhaldis and freindis, to the number of iiij ^{c} men or thairby. His Majeſtie wes reſoluit to ryd to Edinburgh vpone the morne, bot the lordis perſuadit him to ſtay thrie or four dayis ferder. Vpone the ſame day the erle of Arrane wes teane out of Dupling to Sterling, quheare he wes ſuirlie keipit be the erle of Govrie in his ludging. William and Robert Steuartis wer lykwayis tranſportit to Sterling, and wardit in the caſtle thairof.

Vpone the firſt day of September, the lord Hereis, Corſtorphin, the laird of Kilſythe come to the King furthe of Edinburgh fra the diuk to Sterling as commiſſioneris. They geve in certane headis and artickles, quhairvpone they deſyrit anſuer; and heiring of the abbote of Nevbotles comming lykwayis from the diuk [they] continowit to geve anſuer to his comming; the effect quhairof wes this:—Gif the intentioun of the aſſurance cravit be the diuk of Lennox be that he may ſaiflie go out of the realme, the ſamyn ſalbe granted, he depairting out of the countrie at quhat port he pleiſſes, betuix the tent day of this inſtant, and the xx day of the ſamyn, and remaning quyetlie, accumpanied with fourtie perſonis or thearby in the meanetyme quhill he tak ſchipping, and gifand ane warrand for randering of the caſtle of Dumbartane in the handis of Johne erle of Mar for our ſuirtie, and to be randerit be him within xv dayis thairefter to William Steuart of Caverſtoun preſent captane, to be keipit be him, to the quhilk tyme he ſalbe in ſuirtie; and efter his

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depairtour armes ſalbe ſet aſyde: and that his anſuer returne quicklie heirvpone, betuix and Thurſday at nicht the vj day of September, utherwayis no aſſurance.

Vpone the ſext of September at ſex houris at ewin, the diuk accumpanied with thrie hundrethe men come out of Edinburgh to Glaſgow, quhearvnto he come about ſex houris in the morning, and from thence to Dumbartane, quhair he wes reſſavit be his awin deputie William Steuart, and immediatly ſent the abbote of Nevbotle [and] Lord Hereis with ane anſuer to the King and the lordis, and paſt againe to the diuk with thair laſt directioun to Glaſgow, vpone the vij day foirſaid.

In the meanetyme certane noblemen examinat the erle of Arrane in the houſe, bot quhat his diſpoſitioun wes it is vncertane to the wreytter heirof. At this tyme George Douglas brother to the laird of Lochleawin, ſent for be the King to Sterling, wes wairdit, and teane, and examinat vpone a plot of conſpiracie layd be him, tuitching the aſſociatioun of the King and Queinemother in equall auctoritie, quhairof he confeſt a pairt, as wes ſpokin oppinlie. About this tyme the erle of Arrane is ſent to waird to the plaice of Ruthuen.

Vpone the xij day of September, theare come ſir George Dary and ſir Robert Bowes eſquyre, ambaſſadouris fra the Queine of Ingland; they reſſavit preſence of the King in Sterling caſtle vpone the auchtein day of September. The meſſedge wes ane intreatie of the Queinis for the reſtoiring of the erle of Angus. The King granted a licence to him to repaire within the countrie, and of his houſe of Tamptalloun, vpone cautioun for redelyverie thairof and removing at the Kingis pleaſour; quhilk the erle of Angus thinking litle worth, yit did not come a long tyme thearefter.

The diuk paſt out of Dumbartane at this tyme to the Gairloche, and tuik ſaill vpone Sonday in ane ſchip of Air, accumpanied with ane vther ſchipp, the laſt of September 1582.

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Vpone the Weddniſday the xvij day of October, in ane conuentioun at Halyroudhouſe, it wes aggreet that theare ſould be ane great gaird teane vp for the King and nobiletie, to wit of horſmen ij ^{c}, and of futmen ij ^{c} alſo. In this meanetyme certane word of the diukis returning from his woyadg to Dumbartane. Theare aſſemblied at this conuentioun, the erles of Merche, Arrolle, Mar, Glencairne, Rothes, Govrie, Merchell, Egglintoun, Mortoun; the lordis Home, Hereis, Lyndſay, Eaſter, Sincler; the biſchopis of St Androis, Orknay and Dunkeld; abbottis of Dunfermling, Cambuſkynnethe, Deir, Dryburche, Coldinghame, Culroſe, Inchefray, Paſlay; and the commiſſioneris of the head burrowis. At this tyme, the thingis that wer done at the read of Ruthuen, and the erles actoris of the ſamyn wes approvin be the King and conventioun, quhilk wes ordeanit to be ratefeid in the nixt parliament.

Vpone the xxiij day of October 1583 [2], Walter Steuart pryour of Blantyre wes directit, being ane of the Kingis cheiſe mynonis, to bring in the erle of Angus at Halyroudhouſe, he beand then at Coldinknowis, vpone thir conditiounis, viz. that the ſaid erle ſould mak na band or ligge with onyman, without his Majeſteis advyſe and conſent; that he ſould bear na quarrell or grudge toward the diuk of Lennox or erle of Arrane; and that he ſould claime na kyndnes to the erledom of Mortoun, Dalketh, &c. without his Majeſteis advyſe alſo. Vpone the xxiiij day, the King wes werie inſtant with the lordis to have the erle of Arrane releivit of his waird of Ruthuen, to the quhilk the lordis wer werie laithe. Yit they yeildit, the diuk of Lennox depairting according to conditioun to France, that the erle of Arrane ſould be releivit, and wairdit beyond the watter of Erne, quhilk wes aggreet vnto als weill be the King as eſtaites. Vpone the xxv day of the ſaid monethe of October 1583 [2], the erle of Angus come to Halyroudhous, quhaire he gat preſence of the King, and wes welcome to him. This ſame tyme William Steuart brother to the earle of Arrane, wardit within

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the caſtle of Sterling, wes ordeanit to be releavit, and ordeanit to remaine within the ſcherefdome of Aire, and to doe no herme to our ſovereign lordis leidges utherwayis nor be law, vnder the paine of fyve thovſand merkis.

Vpone the [v] day of November, it wes agreet be the King and his counſall that the erle of Arrane ſould be fred of his warde, and ordeanit to pas to Kynneill, and remane within four myles thairto, and not to come neir the King be ten myles, as he wald anſuer vpon his obedience. Befoir the paſſing of the act of counſall thairvpone, theare wes a command givin to ſtay the ſame, quhill the King wes advyſit, be the moyoun of Mr Bowis the ambaſſadour of Ingland. All this tyme the diuk of Lennox wes in ane ile, awatand ane wynd. Vpone the [ij] day of December 1583 [2], the erle of Arrane eſcapit furthe of Ruthuen, and come to Couper in Angus, quheare he convenit with the erles of Atholl, Montroiſe, Crawfurd and utheris.

Vpone the feird day of December, the diuk of Lennox returnit to Blacknes ſingle accumpanied, quhilkis the lordis interpryſeris wer affrayd of, hearing of the ſamyn. Vpone the ſamyn day or the morne, theare wes ane conſpiracie ſould beine accompliſchit be the diuk of Lennox factioun aganis the lordis conſpiratouris, bot the ſamyn wes detectit and diſcloſit. The maner wes this: that quhen the King ſould be [at] deſert at his ſupper, ane certane number of armit men incloſit in the abbay kirk ſould come throw ane dur vnder the long galrey, and enter thairat, tak and inviroun the King, and kill and ſtik and hang all thame that they mycht have apprehendit of the lordis interpryſeris and thair ſoloveris.

Vpone the ſext day of the ſaid monethe, Alexander Hay clerk of regiſter wes directit with commiſſioun to Blacknes to the diuke of Lennox, deſyring him to goe out of the realme, according to his promeis and the Kingis firſt declaratioun, quhether he ſould goe be ſea or be

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land. The ſaid clerk of regiſter had a chairge of horning, incaice of refuſall to bein execut aganis the diuk.

Vpone the vij day of the ſaid monethe, proclamatioun wes maid at the croce of Edinburgh, chairging all and ſundrie lordis, erles and barronis, to conueine and come to the King vpone the tent and xij dayis of the ſaid monethe, vnder the pane of tinſell of lyfe, landis and guidis.

Vpone the vij day aforſaid, the clerk regiſter returnit with anſuer, ſchewing that the diuk wes myndit to depairt, incaice it wes his Majeſteis pleaſour; yit craued that he mycht have tyme to provyd him ſelffe, that he mycht ryd away honeſtlie throch the countrie; and, in reſpect that he had nather money, proviſioun nor clothes, he doubtit not bot, for his Majeſties awin honour and his, he wold not ſuffer him to pas as ane ſlaiue to his awin countrie, bot in ſick ſoirt as he come within it, quhilk wes as a nobleman.

Vpone the ix day of the ſamyn monethe, Mr George Young ſecretarie wes directit to the diuk, with commiſſioun that he ſould not ſtay, nor faile to tranſporte him ſelffe: quhom he found not in Blacknes, for he wes ridden to Calendar, quhair the ſaid Mr George ſchew him the Kingis will, be quhat conuoy and quhat barronis he ſould goe throw the countrie, and howſoone and quhair he ſould be ilk nycht, and with the Queine of Inglandis ſaife conduct for paſſing thairthrow; certefeing him that gif he failyed he ſould be denuncit rebell, and put to the horne, and that his houſſes ſould be chairged to be randert, vnder the paine of treaſoun, and to come vpone him and thame with fyre and ſword, and all vther extreamitie. Lykas the act of counſall wes paſt heirvpone. Vpone the tent day of the ſaid monethe, the ſaid Mr George returnit with this anſuer, that he wes willing to obey, and ſo wes purpoiſed to tak jornay from Lynlithgow to Haddingtoun the xiij day of the ſamyn monethe. At quhilk tyme theare wes word of ane Frenche ambaſſadour.

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Vpone Weddniſday the xij of the ſaid monethe, the lairdis of Louthiane, direct from the King to conuoy the diuk, ſchew him that his ſupper wes maid radie that nicht in Haddingtoun, and that ſundreis wes appoynted to attend him theare; bot he, alledging that braggis come to the yet of Calender be the erle of Maris ſeruandis, and that they wer of purpois to onbeſet him in the way, craued of the King that he mycht be ſufferit to go to the weſt bordouris, and be Carlelle throw Ingland to France, quhilk the King refuſit, in reſpect of the brek of his double promeiſſis, and directit lettres to chairge him to remove from Dumbartane to Bervick, betuix that and the xxij of that inſtant, vnder the paine of horning.

About the xvj day of the ſaid monethe, the ſaid Mr George Young wes directit be the King to the diuk, beand in Dumbartane, hafand ane officer of armes with him rady to have execut the ſaidis chairges. Bot condiſcendand thairto, and that he ſould goe be Bervick, vpone the xx day of the ſaid monethe he tiuk jorney, and, betuix that and the xxiiij day of the ſamyn monethe, wes in Bervick, quhaire he remained bot a nicht; on the morne tiuk poſt to Londoun, being xxij horſſes, and the maiſter of Leivingſtoun ane of his trayne all the tyme; and the King ſend him or he went, for his forderance, j^{m} crownis of the ſone. It wes thocht he met the Frenche ambaſſadour be the way about York.

Vpone the [x]vij day of Januar, thair come to Edinburgh ane Frenche ambaſſadour namit Monſiour la Moit, quho wes ludgit in Robert Gourlayis houſe, and gat preſence of the King vpone the morne, quhair the Ingliſche ambaſſadour met alſo with him. The Kingis Majeſtie, efter a conference had with the Frenche ambaſſadour, reſſavit the letter of credit; and efter it wes red, the King enterit in conference with him in preſence of Mr Dauidſone, ane Ingliſche ambaſſadour.

Vpone the xij day of the ſaid monethe, the ſaidis Frenche and Ingliſche ambaſſadouris, in preſence of the King and counſall, declaired

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thair commiſſiounis, quhairof the effect folovethe. Firſt the Frenche ambaſſadour declairethe that the King of France, hearing of the commotioun betuix the King and his nobiletie, willed ane revnioun to be maid amangis thame, ſua as the King mycht keip his awin honour and priuiledges, and nawayis to be ſtaynyied or preiudgit in ony ſoirt, becauſe he buir ane inteir affectioun to his Majeſtie and his countrie; and that the ligge mycht indure betuix Scotland and France; and that we ſould enter in freindſchip and amitie with the Queine of Iugland, to the quhilk effect ſcho had alſo ſent her awin ambaſſadour, quho being preſent affirmit the ſamyn, and the ambaſſadour vſit many argumentis to this effect.

Vpone the xviij day of Januar 1583 [2], thair arryved ane vther Frenche ambaſſadour at Brunteland, namit Monſiour Manyeweill, and geve preſence to the King vpone the xxiij of the ſamyn monethe. Vpone the [x] day of Februar, the ſaid Monſiour la Moithe, haſing reſſavit ane guid anſuer to his commiſſioun, reſſavit lykwayis the banket in Archbalde Steuartis houſe in Edinburgh, and tiuk jorney by Settoun be the way to France.

Vpone the xx day of Februar 1583 [2], Coline erle of Ergyle command to Edinburgh, wes earneſtlie ſocht be the erle of Angus and earle of Mar, to come vpone thaire factioun, quhilk he refuſit, bot declaired he wold folow the Kingis will.

The Kingis Majeſtie tiuk purpois to pas foreuard in his progres, vpone the xviij day of Maij 1583 [2], bot wes ſtayed be great inſtance maid be Mr Bowes ambaſſadour for Ingland, till the tuentie day thearefter, and paſt that nycht to Lynlithgow, quheare he remainit to the firſt day of Junij, and from that to Dumfermling. The erles of Ergyle, Mar, Marſchell, Angus, Montroiſe, Bothuell wer with him.

Vpone the [x] day of Maij, coronall Steuart captane of the gaird wes ſent ambaſſadour to Ingland, craving hir advyſe to the Kingis ma-

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riadge; to renew the band of peax and amitie betuix the twa realmes; to redreſſe the merchantis that wer reft be the ſea be the Ingliſche pirratis. Vpone the [ij] day of Junij, the coronall Steuart returnit home at the narreſt to Dumfermling.

At quhilk tyme word come in Scotland that the diuk of Lennox died in Pareiſch, vpone the xxvj day of Maij. The King could hardlie truſt this, hovbeet baithe the Ingliſche ambaſſadour and ane poiſt aſſurit the treuthe of the ſamyn.

Vpone the xxvij day of Junij, the Kingis Majeſtie read ſuddandly from Falkland to St Androis, to the conuentioun, quhair he wes ludgit in the new Innes of St Androis, and efter ſupper went to the caſtle to his bedd, and ſtayed theare; quhair the caſtle wes ſtraitlie keipit, and na erles nor lordis ſufferit to come in theareat, bot with fyve or ſex in number. It wes thocht guid that the erles of Huntlie, Crafurd, Mar, Angus ſould depairt from court, and pairt homewarth, till the Kingis will. Erle of Mar and Angus paſt hame indeid, bot Huntlie and Crafurd ſtayed ſtill at Kearnie in Fyffe; lykas the erle of Huntlie come back to the King, and ſtayed to his removing to Falkland.

The Kingis Majeſtie at the ſaid conuentioun nominat the lordis and utheris folowing, to attend vpone his Majeſtie at all tymes as his priuie counſell; to wit, the erles of Marche, Marſchel, Montroiſe, Rothes, Govrie and Ergyle, togither with his officeris of eſtaite; and that nane vther ſould repair to his Majeſtie, without they wer ſend for, and had a ſpeciall warrand to that effect. At this tyme Crovnar Steuartis anſueris wer hard be the King and counſill. And at the Kingis comming to Falkland, he tuik occaſioun to wreyt for his nobilety afoirſaid, with utheris commiſſioneris of barronis and burrowis, to meit him at Perthe. This conuentioun wes the xxij day of Julij or thairby, and continovit the ſpace of x or xij dayis.

At this tyme certane of the Kingis ſeruandis, officiaris and utheris

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ſeruandis, fauoreris of the erle of Mar, war diſchargit court; as namly Dounypace and Carnok maiſter ſteblaris, Eaſter Weymis maiſter hovſhald, William Elphingſtoun maiſter ſchewer and ſundrie vtheris. Lykas the haill remnant war intendit to be diſchairged, and a chairge ſend out for randering of Lochleavin to the officiar. And ane vther conuentioun appoynted to be at St Androis, the xv day of Auguſt therefter, for ordour taking with the haill effairis of the country.

Proclamationis wer directed, that the diuk of Lennox had depairted ane trew criſtiane, and ſpeciall embraſſer of the relligioun, and thairfoir inhibiting ony man to ſpaik or repoirt of him vtherwayis, vnder the paine of dead. Ane vther proclamatioun, declairing how he had bein abvſit the yeir preceiding be his owin ſubiectis, and how he had bein deteanit at the read of Ruthuenis aganis his will, and haldin captiue be thame. The thrid proclamatioun wes charging all his ſubiectis, betuix ſextie and ſexteine within the ſcherefdom of Fyff, to meit his Majeſtie at Falkland the xxiiij day of Auguſt, theare to await his Majeſtie, for bearing furthe his ſeruice and auctoritie, vnder the paine of tinſell of lyfe, landis and guidis.

Vpone the thrid of Auguſt, the King paſt furthe out of Perthe to Falkland, quhair he remanit to the xv day. At quhilk tyme he red to the conventioun at St Androis, quheare many of the nobilletie and miniſterie wreyttin for wer preſent; quhaire the King, counſall, nobilletie and a great pairt of the miniſterie aggreit, and thay promitted to ſpaik nothing bot of that quhilk wes [not] contrarius to the will and word of God: theare wer mony vtheris thingis condiſcendit to. Creall and Anſtrethare wer in armes: and at the Kingis depairtour, theare arroſe a great contentioun betuix certane for keping the caſtle to the Kingis Majeſteis returning; viz. the biſchop and laird of Segie on the ane pairt, and proveſt and bailyeis on the vther pairt. The commoun bell rang, and appearance of great truble; at lenthe the caſtle wes ran-

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derit to the proveſt, be reaſoun he had the Kingis warrand for keiping therof to his backcoming.

Vpone the firſt day of September or thearby, theare come ane Ingliſche ambaſſadour in Scotland, namit ſir Francis Welchinghame the Queinis ſecretare, ane man of great credit and reputatioun, ane of the ſpeciall counſellouris, and halderis of the great materis of Ingland. The King, being in Falkland, heiring of his comming, appoynted him to meit him at Perthe, quhaire the ambaſſadour come vpone the aucht, and gat preſence vpone the tent day. His commiſſioun wes in effect this; this ambaſſadour thocht him ſelff not ſo weill interteanied and conuoyed as wes requiſit to his eſtaite, and therfoir deſyrit the heaſtier depeſche and anſuer, and ſua reſſavit his anſuer vpone the xij day of the ſaid monethe. Vpone the threttein day, the ambaſſadour tuik his jorney from Perthe to Ingland; and the King to Falkland, quhair he remanit quhill the day of October, at quhilk tyme the erle of Arrane wes maid captane of the caſtle of Sterling, and proveſt of the toun. The erle of Mar at this tyme duelt in Erſkyn, and wes commandit of the countrie. Vpone the xiij day of November 1583, the King went to Kynneil to banket, quhaire he remanit till the xv day, at quhilk tyme his Majeſtie read to Edinburgh.

Vpone the xiij of the ſaid monethe, Lodouick diuk of Lennox, ſone to the lait diuk, arryvit at Leithe. He wes tranſported out of Leithe vpone the xiiij day of the ſaid monethe to Kynneill, be the erles of Arrane and Huntlie. About the tent day of December, the erle of Mar and his confederatis, viz. the abbot of Cambuſkynnethe, maiſter of Glamis, the laird of Lochleavin, Cleiſche, Buchuane fand cautioun they ſould not be fund ather in Scotland, Ingland or Irland, and not to returne without the Kingis licence. The erle of Angus wes wardit beyond Spey.

About the xx day of the ſaid monethe, ane lord Andreas Keathe,

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Scotſman, and a counſellour to the King of Suadden, come to viſit the King and freindis. He was a gallant man of proportioun and faſchioun; and albeet of meane parentis, yit throw his guid behauiour promovit to great honour and promotioun.

In the end of Februar 1583, William erle of Govrie wes commandit to go of the countrie, and obteanit licence to that effect, to depairt betuix and the laſt day of Marche therefter. Sundrie vtheris, as namely, Carmichell, the erle of Mortounis baſtard ſones, Parkheadis ſones and vtheris wer chargit of the countrie. Proclamatioun wes maid, commanding theſe quho war charged to go of the countrie to heaſt thame felffes with all diligence, betuix and the day appoynted, utherwayis that they ſould be takin and execut; and ſicklyk that naine of the leidgis ſould ſupplie, reſet, intercommoun with thame, or have intelligence from thame, vnder the paine of incurring his Majeſteis heiche wreathe and indignatioun.

Vpone the xv day of Marche, the ſaid lord Andreas Keith gat from his hichnes certane fifthes of his Majeſteis propertie in Roſe, [and] wes maid lord Dingvall in Halyroudhous, with ſick ſolemneteis as in ſick caiſſes as ar vſe and wont.

Vpone the xvj day of Apryle, William erle of Govrie, not being depairted out of the countrie according to his licence, bot remaining vpone wynd and wether as he alledgit, wes takin be crounar Steuart and certane of the Kingis gaird, within the toun of Dundee, and brocht to Halyroudhouſe vpone the xviij day of the ſaid monethe, pairtlie be ſea and pairtly be land.

Vpone the ſamyn xviij day of Apryle 1584, the erle of Mar, the abbottis of Paſlay, Dryburghe with certane freindis of the erle of Anguſſe tuik the caſtle of Sterling, and the toun; at quhilk tyme the erle of Angus, maiſter of Glamis and certane utheris freindis repairit thither, and furniſchit the caſtle, quhilk of befoir wes werie euil wictuallit.

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Quhair vpone it folowit, that the Kingis miſſiues and proclamatioun wer direct, for reaſing the haill forces of the countrie vpone the ſaidis perſonis, for repreſſing of thame, vnder the paine of tinſell, &c.

Sundrie vtheris chairges wer direct, eſpeciallie aganis the lordis of ſeſſioun, laueris, wreyteris and all, to pas and diſludge thame out of the toun, and taking in the caſtle; and ſiclyk aganis the lordis, for withdrawing thame ſelfis; and aganis the inhabitantis, to withdraw thame ſelffis fra the ſaidis rebellis, vnder the paine of treaſoun, with certificatioun, &c.

Vpone the xxj day of Apryle, coronall Steuart, accumpanied with the Scotis and Ellotis to the number of vj^{c} men, with utheris, at thaire comming to the Falkirk, the toun and barronie of Glaſgow being theare preſent rady to meit the King, being numberit to be xv^{c} men or thairby, the maiſter of Leivingſtoun being lykwayis with his force at the Falkirk, vpone the tother morne thairefter the crouner come theare, the lordis and ſuppryſeris left the toun and fled. The keyis of the toun wer delyverit be the bailyeis of the toun to the coronell Steuart at Falkirk, quhairvpon the haill force that wes theare (except Glaſgow, that paſt home for the ſaiftie of thair awin toun) paſt in to the toun. The caſtle wes randerit to the maiſter of Leivingſtoun within twa dayis thairefter, without ony conditioun, and the crouner and his force of horſmen folowit the rebellis that wer fled. In the fleeing about Lenrick, ane Archbald Douglas that wes called Arche the conſtable, wes teane be the laird of Johnſtoun, and ane vther Mr John Forbes the erle of Maris ſeruand, alſo teane in Lenrick, and brocht to Sterling. And within thrie or four dayis efter the Kingis Majeſties coming to Sterling with his haill forces, the erle of Govrie wes ſent for. Quheare alſo certane cairted peices wer brocht, to beſeidge the caſtle.

Efter the randering of the ſaid caſtell, quhilk wes vpone the xxvij day of Apryle 1584, the haill perſonis thairintill, to the number of xxx

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perſonis, wer teane out and wardit within the tolbuithe of Sterling, and ſum eſcapit be looping over the wall of the caſtle. Vpone the ſecund day of Maij, the perſonis that wer in the caſtell thollit law, and all being conuict wer preſented to the ſcaffald; foure onlie wer execut, quhairof twa wer Douglaſſes.

Vpone the feird day of Maij 1584, the ſaid William erle of Govrie, Archbald Douglas and Mr John Forbes wer accuſit in my lady Maris ludging, of dyverſe poyntis of treaſoun and leaſemaieſtie, conuict thairof, and juſtefied to the dead for the ſamyn; the ſaid erle beheadit, and the vther twa hangit at the croce of Sterling. The erle of Govrie vttered his harrang with ane guid countenance, and in guid langadge, and with ane humble ſpirit, as appeared.

Vpone the ſext day of Maij, the King and all his force being at Sterling, eſtemat to tuelf thovſand men at the leaſt, tuik jorney thairfra toward Edinburgh; at his cumming certane pertakeris with the lordis war chairged ſuper inquerendis. Certane miniſtearis, fearing thame ſelffis ſuſpect of pairtaking with the lordis, fled the countrie befoir the chairge gevin; namely Mr Andro Polvart ſubdeane of Glaſgow, Mr Patrik Galloway miniſter of Perthe, Mr James Carmichell miniſter of Haddingtoun, and Mr John Dauidſon miniſter at Libertoun. Thearefter ane great number of houſſes pertening to thoſe quho wer ſuſpect of this treaſoun wes charged to be randerit. And ſundrie noblemen wer wreyttin for to be at the parliament then appoynted, quhilk wes called a rynning parliament.

Vpone the xix day of the ſamyn monethe, the King come to the tolbuithe of Edinburgh, and theare cheifit the lordis of artickelis of parliament. Thay ſat vpone the artickelis in Halyroudhous quhill the xxij day of the ſamyn monethe, at quhilk tyme the King come to the tolbuithe, accumpanied with his nobilletie, and maid ſundrie notable guid actis, and continowit all to the thrid day of Auguſt thairefter. This

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parliament wes continowit to the xx day of Auguſt. Vpone the [8] day of Junij, Mr James Lauſoun and Mr Walter Backanquhale miniſteris of Edinburgh, fled to Ingland, quhair they ſtayd, and no man knew quhairfoire.

Vpone the viij day of Auguſt, the caſtle of Edinburgh wes randerd be Alexander Erſkein of Gogar captane thairof, at the command of the King, to the erle of Arrane, quho reſſavit the ſamyn himſelffe, and appoynted his owin deputeis and keiperis. At quhilk tyme ane George Drummond and the proveſt of Glenclouden diſcouerit ane interpryſe and conſpiracie about the ſlauchter of the erle of Arrane, and ſurpryſing the caſtle and toun of Edinburgh, and ſundrie vther noblemen, as wes ſpokin.

At weſter Weymiſe the end of the ſamyn monethe of July, the peſt wes brocht in Scotland, quheare many depairted. Vpone the xix day of Auguſt, the King come from Falkland to Edinburgh to the parliament; vpone the xx day of the ſaid monethe, paſt from the proveſtis houſe, quhair he wes ludgit, and choſit the lordis of artickelis. At quhilk tyme the erles of Angus, Mar and maiſter of Glames, the counteſſes of Mar and Govrie with dyverſe vtheris wer forfalted, and ſum vtheris continowit to the xx day of September: aganis this tyme the King geve commiſſioun to certane lordis, to hald the parliament as gif he had bein preſent him ſelfe. And vpon the xxiiij day of Auguſt, the King paſt from Edinburgh to Falkland, and fra thence to Ruthuen, quhaire he remaning ten dayis or ever he knew theare wes ſex houſſes infectit in Perthe, his ſeruandis being theare: And thairfoir with a few number, the ſamyn nycht depairted to Tullibardin, and from that to Sterling, leavand his haill hovſald and ſeruandis incloiſit in Ruthuen.

Vpone the [v] day of October, lord Claud Hammiltoun returnit in Scotland, fra the pairtes of Ingland, quhaire he wes baniſchit the ſpace of four yeiris or thairby, come to the plaice of Settoun, fra that to

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Nithrie, and then vpone the Kingis warrrand, to the northe to my lord Huntlie. Vpone the ſecund day of December 1584, ane Eduard Henriſoun a baxter in Edinburgh pat ane candle and certane povlder in ane hadder ſtack of his fatheris in Foſtaris wynd, and deſperatly brunt the ſamyn, and his fatheris ludging nixt thairto, for the quhilk he wes takin vpone the morne, and brunt quick at the croce of Edinburgh.

About the letter end of Januar, theare wes a conſpiracie diſcovf[er]it be Hamiltoun of Inchemachane, anent the taking of the King at the hunting, or careing him to the Merſe, be the erle of Angus and Maris confederates, or killing him vnnaturally. Quhairvpone Duntreathe, Drumquhaſell and the laird of Maynes being teane and accuſit, Duntreathe confeſt, and fyled; Drumquhaſell and Maines quho wold never confes, they wer execut, and Duntreathe ſpaired for his confeſſioun.

Vpone the vj of Apryle 1585, Robert Maxvell brother to the erle of Mortoun brunt the laird of Johnſtounis houſe of Lochivood, and being accumpanied with ſundrie freindis, tuik a great number of his men. About this ſame tyme, word come of the diuk of Gvyſe and his xl^{m} men, that wer on the feildis aganis the King [of France] as wes allegit, bot yit [it wes] devyſit aganis the King of Navarre and the proteſtantis. Immediatly theirefter lord Claud commandit againe of the countrie, notwithſtanding of the Kingis warrand afoir ſaid. Vpone the firſt day of Maij 1585, the King red to Dirdltoun with my lord Arrane, to the bancket. Vpone the vij day of the ſame monethe, the peſt wes brocht out of St Johnſtoun to Edinburgh to the fiſchmercate, be ane voman that ludgit theare.

Vpone the xv day of Maij, the juſtice clerk ambaſſadour returnit from Ingland againe to Scotland. About the beginning of Junij thairefter, Mr Wyttoun ambaſſadour come from Ingland to the King from the Queine, accumpanied with xxiiij horſmen, and geve anſuer to the juſtice clerkis inſtructiounis. Theare followit him ſex horſſe with theare

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ackippadge, quhilkis wer delyverit to his Majeſtie in propyne fra the Queines Majeſtie.

Vpone the tuelt day of Junij 1585, the King of Denmerkis ambaſſadouris thrie in number, quhairof ane wes a doctour of the lawis, and the vther twa ſpeciall men, come to Scotland and arryved at Leithe; propper men weill cled efter thaire owin faſchioun: they wer in trayne four ſcoir perſonis, tuelf thairof in gold chenyeis. They come to Dunfermling within four or fyve dayis therefter to the King, quhair they had preſence and diſchairgit thair commiſſioun, quhilk wes that they deſyred to redeime Orknay and Chetland, vnder reuerſion as thay alledgit of ane certane ſoume of mony, quhilk they had rady to conſigne inſtantlie. The Kingis Majeſtie, with advyſe of his counſall, at St Androis therefter give thame this anſuer, That thair wes no ſuch reuerſion knavin to thame, bot they ſould try and ſend anſuer ſchortlie with theare awin ambaſſadour. So they tiuk jorney at Dundie, and wer feaſted at St Androis.

Vpone the xxix day of Julij 1585, word come that theare fell out a great truble vpone the midle merche of the border, betuix Fernihearſt warden, and ſir John Forreſter oppoſit, quhair ſir Frances Ruſſell ſone to the erle of Bedford wes ſlaine, and a great number of Ingliſchmen teine. The Ingliſche ambaſſadour Wittoun, moiſt greivit for this ſlauchter, maid the King beleive that the erle of Arrane wes the cauſe of the ſamyn, and that he had doune it to diſſolue the peax. Heir vpone his Majeſtie cauſit command the erle of Arrane to waird within the caſtle of St Androis, quhair he enterit vpone the xxix day of Julij, quhair he ſtayed ſex or ſevin dayis. And the King, not finding ony probabilitie of his challenge, cauſit put him to libertie vpone the v day of Auguſt, and then he paſt to Kynneill, and cautioun fund for reentrie.

Vpone the vj day of Auguſt 1585, the King red out of St Androis to Sterling. Immediatly thairefter thair died iiij^{c} perſonis of the peſt, ſo

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that St Androis wes left almoift deſolat. During all this ſpace, the Ingliſche ambaſſadour accumpanied the King in his progres to Inchemirrane and Hammiltoun. Vpone the tuelt of October, the Ingliſche ambaſſadour ſlippit priuelie throw the park of Sterling with ane or twa hamewart. All this tyme the peſt wes wehement in Edinburgh, ſo that in the nycht thair died iij or iiij^{xx} perſonis.

Vpone the xviij and nyntein dayis of October, the erle of Angus, Mar and maiſter of Glamis come to the Feiriſe [Fleuris?] beſyd Kelſo, the laird of Seſſuirdis houſe, quhair the erle of Bothuell and Home, the haill Merſe and Hamiltonis with ſundrie vtheris ioynit with thame. The crownar Steuart with twa or thrie hundrethe men paſt to Peblis, for reaſing of the countrie to reſiſt the lordis, bot wer diſſapoynted. Johne lord Hamiltoun, the erle of Mortoun with all thaire forces met the vther lordis at Lenrick in Hamiltoun, and come forduard, joyning all in ane to come to Sterling, and tuik the plaice of Wodhead beſyd the Torwood. Vpone the firſt of November, they ſtented thair pellionis at Sanct Rinianis kirk beſyd Sterling, ſtood all that nicht, and being thrie or four thovſand men ſtrong, enterit within the toun be the dawing of the day; ſurpryſed the ſamyn at dyverſe pairtes, and pat the erles of Arrane, Montroiſe, Crafurde, Glencairn, Arroll and Rothes, the Kingis forces, to the flicht; tuike the erles of Erroll, Glencairn, Rothes and a great number in the toun at theare pleſour: at this tyme none wes ſlayne bot thrie or four on baithe the ſydes; great reaf of horſſe and guidis be William Kynmonthe and his bairnis. They ſufferit no victualis to enter at the caſtle, bot ſa meikle as ſeruit the Kingis awin mouthe, quhill at laſt the King cauſit hald up ane quhyt neapkein, and craue the aſſurance, promiſing the randering of the caſtle. Quhilk being randerit, they tuik the erle of Montroiſe, Crafurd, crounar Steuart, ſir William Steuart captane of Dumbartane and his brother, and ſet all the reſt at libertie.

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The ſaid erle of Arrane eſcapit at theare entrie in the toun, and paſt over Forthe in ane auld boit, and went throw Monteth to Dunbartane, quhaire he ſleipit thrie or four houris, and then paſt to Fairlie Read, quhair ane Jameſoun awaited him with a ſchipp. The Kingis Majeſtie at the entrie of the ſaidis perſonis reſſavit thame all in his mercie; and began at the lord Hamiltoun, enterit in conference with him, and as appeared loved him beſt. Vpone the vj of November, the erle of Mortoun with all his men of wear went homewart.

At this tyme the current parliament, begun of befoir, wes ordeanit to be haldin at Linlithgow the firſt day of December: vpone the nynt of November, the King went from Sterling to Linlithgow. The ſaid parliament wes haldin vpone the feard of December 1585, in the great hall of Linlithgow. The honouris wer borne, viz. the croune be the diuk of Lennox, the ſceptour be George erle of Huntlie, and the ſuord be John erle of Atholl; and the ſecund day the ſceptour be the erle of Angus, and ſuord be the erle of Bothuell.

In this parliament John lord Hamiltoun, Archbald erle of Angus, John erle of Mar, the maiſter of Glamis, the abbottis of Dryburghe, Cambuſkynnethe and theare foloveris forfalded of befoir, the relict and ſones of William erle of Gourie wer all reſtoired to thair landis and leivings and honouris, and a generall remiſſioun gevin to the erle of Mortoun for all his attemptis ſen the lxix yeir of God, &c. And lykwayis a generall remiſſioun to all the gentlemen thair foloveris, for quhatſumever attemptis during the ſaid ſpaice, and reponit aganis all decreitis or actis maid of befoir aganis thame.

Commiſſioun to the erle of Huntlie to pas to the Fairlie Read, and tak the erle of Arrane: the accuſatioun wes for jowelis quhairwith he medlit in the caſtle of Edinburgh, quhairof he wes captane. Bot he being forſeine eſcapit in ane fere boit to ane iland, and quhen the erle of Huntly depairted, then he returnit to the ſaid Fairlie Read. The

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pryour of Blantyre wes ſent a litle befoir this for the jovelis, bot come no ſpeid. Vpone the viij day of December, ſir William Steuart wes ſent for the jovelis to the erle of Arrane in Fairlie Read; reſſavit the cheife jovell, namely the H, with ane chenyie, and brocht the ſamyn to the Kingis Majeſtie, and delyverit thame in his owin hand. Vpone the xvij day of the ſamyn monethe, the erle of Crafurd brak waird in Kynneill.

At this tyme Mr William Watſoun and Mr John Hoveſoun wer conuenit afoir the King, for calling and compairing him to Jeroboam, that wicket king and idolator. Vpone the xxj day, James Gibſone wes lykwayis called befoir the King for vttering of theſe wordis, 'I belevit that it wes the erle of Arrane, his brother and lady Jeſobell that wer perſecutouris of the kirk, bot now I ſie it is the King him ſelffe. Jeroboham with his poſteretie wes riutted out, and I fear the lyk come of our King if he continow.' Theſe wordis he confeſſed and ſubſcribit in preſence of the King, and ſayd he wald abyd thairat to his deathe. Quho being removit, wes fund by the woice of the King and counſall, to have committed treaſoun, and ſo wes committed to the caſtle of Edinburgh to forder tryell.

Vpone the xiij day of Januar, theare arryvit ane Frenche ambaſſadour at Leithe, and wes to ſtay lang in Scotland: a young man of xxiiij yeires of aidge; his name wes ſigniour Gofferon. Vpone the [vj] day of Februar, lord Claud commendatour of Paſlay come in to Brunteland, and vpone the morne gat preſence at Halyroudhous; a man weill lykit of be the King for his wit, and obedience in comming and going at the Kingis command, and for reueiling of certane interpryſes of the lordis at thair being in Ingland.

Vpone the [xiij] day of Februar, ſir William Steuart brother to the erle of Arrane wes teane be the lord Hamiltoun at Strabrok, and caried with him to Hamiltoun, bot therefter ſet to libertie at Edinburgh,

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and the erle of Arrane ſelff chairged in the end of Merche to depairt furthe of the countrie, betuix and the ſext of Apryle, vnder the paine of treaſoun; quhilk he obeyit, and went to Irland or Kintyre; bot the lady returnit to Killeithe.

About the xvij of Apryle 1586, the archbiſchope of St Androis Adamſoun wes miſvſit and ſtruckin be the maiſter of Lyndſey, Abbothall and vtheris, for his vndecent lyfe, and excommunicat be the miniſtrie. Quhairvpone the King cauſit chairge the ſaidis perſonis, as alſo Mr Andro Melvill principall of the new colledg, Mr James Melvill and certane vtheris of the miniſtrie that excommunicat the ſaid archbiſchope, to compeir befoir his Majeſtie and counſell to anſuer thairvpone.

About the xx day of Apryle, Hew erle of Egglintoun a comlie brave nobleman, paſſand fra his awin houſe to Sterling, wes onbeſet in the way and ſlayne be Robertland, Arkett, and certane vtheris of the ſurname of Cunynghame, betuix him and quhom theare ſtoode deadlie feid. At this tyme Mr Archbald Douglas, quha wes baniſchit for the murthour of the Kingis father, be the moyene of Randolphe the Ingliſche embaſſadour, is reſſavit, and brocht in, maid his awin purgatioun.

About the xxij of the ſaid monethe, the lordis of ſecreit counſall cauſit aſſurance to be maid betuix the erle of Mortoun and the laird of Johneſtoun, and amangis ſundrie vtheris barrons of the weſt merche. At this ſamyn tyme, the commiſſioneris of Scotland and Ingland appoynted to meit for ſatling of the bordouris: the commiſſioneris wer the erle Bothuell, the lord Boyd and ſir James Home of Coldinknowis for Scotland; and for Ingland, the erle of Rutland, lord Riveris and Mr Randolphe embaſſadour. Vpone the xxvij day of Junij 1586, proclamatioun wes maid that all the leidges ſould ryſe with xl dayis proviſioun, for ordour taking with the theifes of the bordouris, under the paine, &c.

At this tyme a word wes of a conſpiracie aganis the Queine of Ingland, be our Queine of Scotland. Vpone the fourt of September, the

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mariadge betuix Lodovick diuk of Lennox, and the only dochter of the lord Hamiltoun, wes aggreet vpone in preſence of the King, quho ſubſcribit for the diuk, and the lord for his dochter, in the palace of Hamiltoun.

Vpone the xviij day of September 1586, thaire wes a conuentioun of the eſtaites at Edinburgh, quhaire ane taxatioun of xv^{m} lib. wes granted, for ſuppleing the Kingis leifetennent to giang vpone the bordouris, and the erle of Angus maid leiftennent for this effect. At this tyme the erle of Mortoun, lord Maxvell wes chairged afoir the counſall, for anſuering for his kyn, freindis and brokin men. He compearit not, bot ſent ane excuſe that he had ane tryſt with the lord Scrupe: the King offendit heirwith, wes meaſit be my lord Hamiltoun.

About the beginning of November, word come that Queine mother wes teane, and conuict of treaſon aganis the Queine of Ingland; at quhilk tyme William Keathe wes direct to Ingland to work for the Queins releif: quhairof certane word come therefter, and that ane nobleman wes come out of France for ſuitting her releife. Immediatly theirefter, ane conuentioun of the haill nobillety and eſtaites ordeanit to be at Edinburgh, vpone the xv day of December, for directing of ſum noble men ambaſſadouris for the Quenis releife. It wes thocht be his Majeſtie that Ingland durſt not put hand in hir. At the ſamyn conuentioun Patrik maiſter of Gray, abbot of Dumfermling, and ſir Robert Melwill of Murdecairny knicht, wer directit ambaſſadouris and ſent quickly away, ſo as they tuik poiſt at Bervick. Certane inſtructionis wer givin thame in wreyt, for the ſeiking of the Quenis releife.

At this tyme ane voluntar ſubſedie wes concludit of all rank of perſonis, incaice of executioun of the Queine, to have gone vpone Ingland, and for directing ambaſſadouris to France, Spayne and Denmerk; and this to be imbrocht vpone the Kingis owin miſſive letter.

About the firſt of Februar, thaire come a poiſt directit from our awn

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ambaſſadouris, ſchaving that the executioun wes continowit, and that they had gottin ane anſuer little to thair contentment. Quhilk the King heiring of, ſend with the ſamyn poiſt immediatly back ane bragging letter to the Queine of Ingland, awovand, gif his mother war not ſpaired he ſould be avendged, and ſeik the ſupport of all the princes of Europe for this effect. Quhilk letter and poiſt met the ambaſſadouris on the way, who directit thame for delyverie of this letter to Mr Archbald Douglas, to be preſented be him to the Queine of Ingland. The Kingis Majeſtie, to teſtefie his earneſt and naturall affection to his mother, cauſit pray for hir oppinly efter him ſelff; quhairvpone arroſe a great diſſenſioun betuix ſum of the miniſtrie and his Majeſtie, namely the miniſtrie of Edinburgh. Quhairvpone the King appoynted Patrik archbiſchop of St Androis to teache, bot he wes preuented be Mr John Covpar miniſter, quho come befoir and filled the pulpit. And as the ſaid Mr John wes beginnand the prayer, the Kingis Majeſtie commandit him to ſtay: ſo as Mr John raſchit michtely vpone the pulpit, ſaying, 'This day ſall bear witnes aganis yow in the day of the lord: woe be to ye Edinburgh, for the laſt of xj plaiges ſalbe the worſt!' And ſo come doun from pulpit, and the haill wyfis removit with a great clamour. And therefter the biſchope of St Androis gead vp to the pulpit, and tacht ane ſermone concerning the praying for princes, quhairat the haill peipill that wes in the kirk left wer muche movit, and thocht the Kingis deſyre moſt reſſonable. Lykas the miniſteris being called befoir the King [that] efternoune, this ordour wes teane, that Mr John Covpar, Mr William Watſoun and Mr Walter Backanquill ſould be diſchairdgit from preaching or prayeris, till ſick tyme as iniunctionis wer ſet doun to thame. The ſaid Mr John wes wardit at Blacknes, and therefter releivit, command in the Kingis will, and aggreand to his deſyre.

'Vpone the vj day of Februar 1586, the maiſter of Gray, ſir Robert

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Melvill and William Keathe ambaſſadouris at Ingland returnit home; quha declaired that the Queine wes in the ſame place ſchoe wes in of befoir, and that thay could have no aſſurance of hir lyfe; and that ane Ingliſche ambaſſadour wes foloving thame, to perſuaid the King that it wes bathe for his weill and honour to have hir execute. Vpone the xv day of Februar thaire come a poiſt fra Ceſſurde, [who] being warden reſſavit word from ſir John Foreſter oppoſit wardin, that the Queine wes beheadit, vpone the aucht day of that ſamyn monethe 1586. Becauſe the King reſſavit na advertiſment heirvpone him ſelffe, he ſuſpendit his judgement: the maiter wes increddible to him; and thairfoir paſt to his wounted paſtyme to Calder, quhair he remanit ane nicht.

In the meanetyme Carie the ambaſſadour come to Bervick, and deſyred ane paſporte. Vpone the xx day of Februar, his Majeſtie ſent Mr George Young to the embaſſadour to Bervick, deſyring to vnderſtand quhether his mother wes execut or not, and if ſche wer not to give him paſport, bot utherwayis to returne. Quho, vpone the xxiij of the ſaid monethe, returnit with his anſuer, that the Queine mother wes execut: quhilk the King vnderſtanding, wes in great diſpleaſour, and went to bed without ſupper; lykas on the morne he paſt ſolitarlie to Dalkeithe, deſyring to be ſolitar. The ſaid ambaſſadour ſent in ane Ingliſcheman captane Carvell to declaire, that [ſeing] his Majeſtie tuike the deathe of his mother ſo heichlie, he mycht be hard to oppin his commiſſioun befoir certane of his hienes privie counſall; quhilk wes yeildit to, and ſir Robert Melwill and the laird of Coldinknovis ſent as twa of the priuie counſall, to meit the ambaſſadour at Fouldeine kirk, the xiiij of Merche 1586.

Vpone the ſame xiiij day, the ſaidis ambaſſadouris met with xxiiij perſonis on ather ſyde. The Ingliſche ambaſſadour deſyred that the leage and amitie betuix the twa natiounis micht be confermit, and inuiolablie obſervit, becauſe, ſayd he, the Queine wes werie ſorie for

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taking Queine Mareis lyfe, and it wes doune by hir knavledge, and ſen ſua it wes, willed the King to ſuit quhat ſatiſfactioun he pleaſed, and it ſould be granted.

It wes anſuerit be the ſaidis commiſſioneris, that gif the ſaid ambaſſadour wald affirme in his miſtris name, that that murthour wes committed aganis hir directioun and will, the King thair maiſter willed that the names of the authoris and committaris thairof wer divulgat, and manifeſted to his hienes; and gif the Queine of Ingland war not hable to be reuendgit of her awin ſubiectis, that his Majeſtie wald hald hand, with all the force he mycht, to puniſche the authoris and committeris thairof, and concur with hir and hir forces for that effect. And as for ſeiking ſatiſfactioun, they thocht that vnſeimlie that he ſould ſell his owin bloude, for it is the cuſtome of Scotland, that, gif the meaneſt gentleman that hes his kynſman or neir freind murthored enter in tryſing with the committeris freindis, the offeris ar maid be the committeris of the deed, quhilkis ar deliberatlie reſoluit vpone be him, his kyn and freindis. Mikle moir it is to be thocht, that ane annoynted princes being indirectlie takin away and bereft of hir lyfe, his Majeſtie being hir ſone, and ſcho diſcendit of the moiſt royal bloude in Europe, offeris ſould be maid to his Majeſtie, incaiſe he wald yeild to accept ſatiſfactioun; quhilkis offeris ar not onlie to be conſidderit be him, his nobiletie and eſtaitis, bot alſo be the haill princes of his Majeſteis bloude, als weill intereſt as he. The demandis and propoſitiounis of the Ingliſche embaſſadour wer wryttin word be word in his awin preſence, and ſubſcribit be him ſelff, and ſua thay ſinderit; and they wer brocht to the King being at Crichtoun.

At this tyme the biſchopis of Glaſgow, Roſe and Dumblayne, quho had bein in France xx yeiris afoir, wer reſtoired and rehabilitat, and letters ſent to thame to come in Scotland: the biſchop of Glaſgow gat ane commiſſioun of ambaſſadrie for his Majeſtie in France. In the end

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of Merche 1587, ane conuentioun wes appoynted to be haldin at Edinburgh the day of Apryle, and fra that the ſamyn wes continowit to the tent day of Maij.

Vpone the [vj] day of Apryle 1587, the King red quickly and ſuddandly vpone my lord Maxvell and his freindis, becauſe he refuſit to tak ordour with the brokin men [of] his name and freindis, bot he being forſeine eſcapit. Yit the King gat ane guid reule of the moiſt pairt, and command to Drumfreiſche, he ſend John Maxvell, proveſt thairof and brother to the lord Hereis, for taking of the houſe of Carleavrock; bot he wes ſlayne be the way be the Grahames of Aſk and ſundrie utheris brokin men. The ſamyn tyme commiſſioun wes granted to the ſcheref of Aire for taking of James Steuart lait chanceller, quho eſcapit out of his plaice of the Newtoun of Aire.

Vpone the xx day of the ſaid monethe of Apryle, Patrik maiſter of Gray commendatour of Dumfermling wes accuſit be ſir William Steuart of Montoun knicht, befoir the King and his counſall, and ſpeciallie to the conſenting to the murthour of the Quenis Majeſtie, be his letters ſent in Ingland to that effect, quhairin he thocht beſt that ſche ſould rather priuelie nor oppinlie be teane away. As alſo he wes accuſit vpone certane inſtructionis gevin to the ſaid ſir William, quho wes bound to France with commiſſioun to the biſchop of Glaſgow to be embaſſadour for the King in theſe pairtis, in the quhilk inſtructionis, the maiſter of Gray willed that they ſould ſeik no help of the King of France and diuk of Gveiſe, except libertie of conſcience ſould be firſt granted within Scotland. The ſaid maiſter of Gray wes accuſit vpone ſundrie utheris poyntis, and he and the ſaid ſir William wer baithe committed to waird within the caſtle of Edinburgh, quhair they wer appoynted to ſtay quhill forder tryell ſould be teane. Vpone the tent day of Maij, the ſaidis perſonis wer tranſported befoir the King and nobilletie, quhair the ſaid ſir William accuſit the ſaid maiſter of Gray of the ſamyn, and

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many mae poyntis of treaſoun, and baithe convoyed againe to the caſtell of Edinburgh. It wes fund be the woites of the King and counſall, that he had committed heiche treaſoun aganis his Majeſtie, and his lyfe and leiving thairfoir to be in his Majeſties handis. Bot the lord Hamiltoun, weill lykit of be his Majeſtie, ſat doun in preſence of the counſell on his kneis, and beggit his lyfe of the King, promiſing that he ſould be contented to be baniſchit quhair his Majeſtie pleaſed: Quhairunto his Majeſtie yeildit, and ſir William Steuart ſet at libertie had promeis of his Majeſtie of ane revaird for his guid ſeruice.

At this tyme great trauelis war teane be his Majeſtie for the reconciling of the erle of Crafurde and maiſter of Glamis, and at laſt, be the earneſt interceſſioun of ſir John Maitland of Thirlſteane knycht ſecretar [theſe] wer teane vp; in quhois houſe they all, the xiiij day of the ſaid monethe, ſovpit togither within Halyroudhouſe.

Vpone the xv day of Maij, the King maid the bancket to all his nobilletie, at ewin in Halyroudhouſe, quhair the King maid thame, efter drinking of many ſcolis ane to ane vther, and made thame efter ſupper, quho vtherwayis had beine at great fead, tak twa and twa be handis, and pas from Halyroudhouſe to the mercat croce of Edinburgh, quhair the proveſt and bailyeis had prepaired ane table and deſert for his Majeſtie, at the quhilk theare wes great mirthe and joy, with ſick ane great number of pepill as the lyk had not beine ſeine of befoir.

At the conuentioun the King maid ane harrang to his nobilletie and eſtaites, declairing, that ſeing he wes now come to his perfyte aidge of tuentie ane yeiris compleit, hafing mony wechtie effairis to be advyſit, thocht it beſt firſt to reconceill his nobilletie, quhairin his Majeſtie had teane no ſmall trauell, and to ſuche poynt as all ſould tend to the pleſour of God, his Majeſteis ſtanding, the weill of the countrie, and thair awin eaſe and tranquilletie; proteſting befoir God, that he loved nothing ſo mikle as ane perfyt vnioun and reconciliatioun amangis his nobillety in

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hairtes, and gif ony ſould ſeime obſtinat, that the remnant his nobiletie ſould hald hand to the repreſſing of thame, and the firſt brekkaris of that happie vnioun perſevit be all extremitie.

Secundlie, It wes thocht beſt that buſſie and ſeditius perſonis, radie to ſay diſcorde amangis the nobillety, ſould be routed out, and baniſchit his Majeſteis preſence.

Thridlie, It wes thocht guid that ambaſſadouris ſould be ſent to Denmerk: the laird of Barnbarro and Mr Peter Young, preceptour to the King, wer choſen equall in commiſſioun, to viſit the King of Denmerkis dochter, to brek the maiter, and therefter repoirt to his hienes and eſtaites. That theirefter ſick noblemen mycht be ſend thither for treatting of the mariadge as ſould be found fitt; for the quhilk purpois, his Majeſtie declaired that he behouit to have the help of his nobiletie, quhilk all in ane voice they accordit to, promiſing lyfe, landis, guidis and all, and ſa mikle mony as thay mycht command.

Laſt, It wes aggreet ane parliament ſould be haldin at Edinburgh in Junij nixt, efter his Majeſteis perſyte aidge of xxj yeiris.

At this tyme James Steuart, ſumtyme erle of Arrane, wes ordeanit to be tryed concerning the bill ſent be him to the King, tuitching the accuſing of his noblemen that come in at Sterling to have conſpyred his Majeſteis murthour, or tranſporting to Ingland. Ane chairge gevin to him to enter in waird within the palace of Linlithgow; quho diſſobeyed and entered nocht in waird.

Immediatlie befoir his Majeſties paſſing to Falkland, vpone the xxvij day of Maij, the erle of Bothuell chellengit and apprehendit ane Ingliſcheman ſent to Scotland to poyſoun his hienes, or tak him away ſum indirect meaner of way; he and his marrowis wer conducit to this purpois be the Queine of Ingland, and hir bloudy counſall. This loune wes examinat be the King, and confeſt, and thairefter wardit within the caſtle of Edinburgh.

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The parliament beguid the xiij day of the monethe of Julij, quhair his Majeſtie, accumpanied with his nobilletie, red to the tolbuithe of Edinburgh. Bot befoir his vnlovping, thaire arroſe ane heiche contentioun betuix the erles of Crafurde and Bothuell, the lordis Fleming, Settoun, Home and Innermeithe anent thaire woites. The counſell ſat thairvpone, and fand that the earle of Crafurde ſould have the prioretie of woit, and that the lord Flemyng ſould have the wote afoir the reſt of the lordis. Quhairvpone the lord Home chellendgit the lord Fleming with the ſingular combat, quho wer not ſuffered to fecht, albeet they wer baithe weill willing. It wes aggreet at this parliament, that his Majeſtie ſould have the haill temporall landis of all benefices annexed to the croune. A generall reuocatioun maid of thingis doune in his minoretie to his hurt, with ſundrie vtheris guid actis inſert in the biuk.

Barnbarro and Mr Peter Young returnit home in the end of Auguſt 1587, with anſuer of thaire comiſſioun, not ſo guide as wes liukit for. Vpone the day of October, theare wes ane Johne Smollote, and with him a Frenche cavillyear tukin, going over the water betuix Leithe and Kyngorne to the erle of Huntly, quho wes ſuſpect of ane conſpiracie aganis the noblemen in court, and wer committed to waird within the caſtle of Edinburgh. Theareſter his Majeſtie red with ane hoiſt to Peblis, for ordour taking with the brokin men, and returnit the tent day.

Vpone the ſext day of Februar, proclamatioun wes maid at the mercat croce of Edinburgh, makand mentioun that the lord Hereis wes not onlie negligent in his ſeruices vpone the bordouris, bot that he had brocht in papiſtrie in lykmaner to the countrie, and had ſchot out the miniſteris of Dumfreiſche, and ſo maid defectioun. For the quhilk his Majeſtie concludit to go in propper perſoun him ſelfe, and thairfoir chairged the inhabitantis of Fyffe, the ſcherefdome of Perthe, ſteuartrie of Monteithe, and vtheris to ryſe and meit his Majeſtie at Edinburgh, the firſt day of

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Merche nixt, and ſo to pas fordward, vnder the paine of tinſell of lyfe, landis and gudis.

At this tyme Mr James Gordoune, father brother to the erle of Huntlie, wes brocht to the King be the erle of Huntlie. The King, hafing accuſed him of ſawing papiſtrie in the hairtes of his pepill, reſſoned with him vpone ſundrie grundis, quhairof the ſaid Mr James yeildit to ſum, and denyed vtheris. [He] wes keipit cloſe in his owin chalmer till the tyme of his depairting of the countrie, and went then to Settoun to mak him ſelffe rady.

Vpone the xvj day of Februar 1587, word come that the erle of Huntlie, lord Hamiltoun and vtheris wer all conuenit at Linlithgow, lykas they had bein at Perthe of befoir. Quhairvpone the King ſend on Patrik Murray his awin ſeruand to the erle of Huntlie, to vnderſtand his mynd; quho, profeſſing his vnfenyied obedience towardis his Majeſtie, declaired he had no euill intentioun, ather to relligioun, or the preſent eſtaite, and [wold] come quyetlie to his Majeſtie. As indeid upone the xxix of the ſaid moneth, the King, being at the hunting, met the ſaid erle at Cramound, quho, accumpanied with ten or xij horſſes and him ſelffe, come to Halyroudhouſe, and lay in his hienes chalmer: quhilk nicht alſo the lord Hereis come in, and gat ſpeiche of the King.

Huntlie went homewart to quenche ane contentioun wes betuix Balquhame and the toun of Aberdeen, weill lykit of his Majeſtie; and returnit vpone the day of Merche to court, quhair the lord Hamiltoun, Crafurde, Montroiſe and the lord Claud come alſo, and met him. In this meanetyme the King yeildit to ryd to Dumfermling, with the erle of Huntlie to the bancket: Quhaire the alteratioun of the officiaris of eſtaite wes cravit of the King, and libertie of conſcience, bot bathe refuſit. Sua that the King red away to Burley malcontented, and ſtayed for four or fyve dayis; and thairefter come to Dumfermling, and from that to

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Kynneill, quhaire he had the bancket of the lord Hamiltoun, quhaire a great number of the nobillety paſt with his majeſtie, and come back all to Edinburgh at ewin.

About this tyme word come of ane great army of Spaynyeardis, that wer to land at Scotland, and come vpone Ingland.

Vpone the xix of Apryle 1588, his Majeſtie, accumpanied with ane great number of the ſchyres beyond Forthe, paſt to Jedburghe, of purpois to releive ſum pledges givin to Ingland be his Majeſtie. Guid ordour wes takin at this read, and ſundrie Teviotdeall gentlemen enterit in Ingland for bilis. At this tyme ſum tumult fell out betuix the erle of Angus and Fernihearſt, anent the cutting of ſum wood, bot wes ſtayed without ſkeathe. The Kingis Majeſtie returnit againe from Jedburgh vpone xxvj day of Apryle; he wes that nycht in Halydeen, and fra that to Langtoun, and fra that paſt to ſie Bervick, and ſtood a long tyme on the Calfehill, behalding Bervick toun. The haill captaines of the toun come out to ſie his Majeſtie, and ſum of thame conferred with his hienes ane guid ſpaice. The toun ſchot a woly, and his Majeſtie at his depairtour cauſit give the cannoneris ane hundereth crounes, and the porteris fourtie crounes in drink ſiluer. And ſa his Majeſtie come that nicht to Dunglas, quhair he had the bancket of my lord Home; and fra that come forduard to Edinburgh.

In this meane tyme ane conuentioun wes haldin in Edinburgh of the haill nobilletie and eſtaites, quhaire his Majeſtie declaired that he wald perſew the haill papiſtis and ſeminarie preiſtis to the vttermoiſt, and craued theare aſſiſtance to this effect. Immediately in the end of this conuentioun, his Majeſtie, according to his proclamationis, red to Dumfreſche to tak the lord Maxvell: bot the lord Maxvell hearing of this withdrew himſelff, and went to Kirkcubricht, and ſchipped with xxxv perſonis, and lay theare in the read ten dayis, eſtir his Majeſties comming to Dumfreiſche. Lykas the houſe of Lochmabin wes fortefeit, and

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haldin at his command aganis the Kingis Majeſtie, be Mr David Maxvell brother to the laird of Covhill, and xxvj or xxx ſouldiouris with him. His Majeſtie cauſit chairge the houſe to be randerit, bot wes diſſobeyit; quhairvpone certane hagbutteris invironed the houſe.

At this tyme his Majeſtie directed ſir William Steuart of Carſtairis knycht to the burghe of Air, for apprehenſioun of the ſaid lord Maxvell. Quho, hafing gottin ane ſchip theare with ſex ſcoir hagbutteris or therby, and procured of his brother ſone Andro lord Ochiltrie fourtie gentlemen of guid curradge and faſchioun, come with the ſaid ſchip in ſicht of the ſaid lordis ſchip foranent Kircubrycht. Quhilk being perceavit be the ſaid lord, he withdrew him ſelff, and paſt with ane and him ſelff in ane cokboit to Ilſhay, and on the back of that ile fand ane fiſcher boit, quhairin he come to the land foranent the abbay of Croſregall. This being perceavit be the ſaid ſir William, he and his companie folowit, and comming to the ſaid abbay plaice the ſaid lord could have na entres thearin, and ſa paſt to ane hoſtlar houſe within the toun to his denner, thinkand that nane could folow him; and as he wes ſittand at denner, it wes ſpokin to the guidwyfe that ſex or ſevin gentlemen wer brekand vp the yet and duris of the place, and the ſaid lord hearing theirof eſcapit, and paſt to the wood, quhair the ſaid ſir William, folowing him hardlie, tuik him in ane buſe therof; and brocht to Drumlenrik, he wes ſeik and ill at eaſe, for he had baithe the gulſe and bloodie fluxes, quhairof he wes thocht to die.

And becauſe they wald not rander the houſe of Lochmaben, the King directed to bring ſum peiceſſe out of Kearlell, quhilkis wer brocht vpone the vj of Junij, and began to the batrie of the houſe vpone the aucht day of the ſamyn monethe of Junij. Vpone the tent day of the ſaid monethe, ſir William Steuart of Carſtaires knycht paſt in to the ſaid houſe vpone aſſurance, and ſpaiking with the deteineris thairof, he movit thame to yeild, vpone promeis maid in the Kingis name that

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theare lyfes ſould be ſaifit. Lykas it wes randerit that ſamyn nicht, and the promeis being denyed be the Kingis Majeſtie, the ſaid Mr Dauid, with vtheris fyve that wer in the houſe, wer hanged vpone the morne thairefter, and the reſt ſend to Dumfreiſche. Immediatly heirefter the King held ane court in Dumfreiſh, quhairin all the malefactouris wer declaired fugitiues, at quhilk tyme his Majeſtie ſocht Robert Maxvell and William Kynmonthe, and vpone the xv day paſt toward Langhome; quhilk houſe being brunt, with ſundrie vtheris pertening to Will Kynmonthe, Caſtlemilk and vtheris, his Majeſtie returnit to Dumfreiſche.

Vpone the xviij day of Julij 1588, ane Ingliſche ambaſſadour come in to Edinburgh, namit Mr Aſhbie, with aucht or nyne in trayne.

Vpone the xxj day of the ſaid monethe and yeir, Huntlie wes maried vpone the duik of Lennox eldeſt ſifter, within Halyroudhouſe chappell be the biſchop of St Androis, at quhilk tyme thear wes great triumphe, mirthe and paſtyme.

Vpone the tuentie ſevint day of the ſaid monethe, his Majeſtie paſt to Falkland. And vpone the penult day of the ſamyn monethe, ſir William Steuart of Carſtairis knicht, quha had the cuſtodie of the ſaid lord Maxvell, wes ſlayne be Frances erle of Bothuell abone the bow, quhilk procedit vpone ane lie and certane vtheris diſdainfull wordis ſpokin be the ſaid ſir William in the Kingis chalmer to the ſaid erle. The word of quhiche ſlauchter comand to the eares of Andro lord Ochiltrie, he ſend immediatlie to the ſaid erle, and geve vp kyndnes with him and his companie, lykas the ſaid lord Ochiltrie oft and dyverſe tymes folowit the ſaid erle and his companie, werie hardlie in making of ſundrie plotis and purpoiſe for catching of the ſaid erle, hovbeet it wes trew the ſaid erle eſcapit moiſt narrouly.

At this tyme word come of the Spaniſche fleit and armie, quhilk wes betuix Dower and Kealeis, of mynd to onbeſet ſum part of Ingland;

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bot they wer diſſapoynted, for the Queine of Ingland ſent out certane ſchipis that defeat thame miſchantly. To the quhilk ane ambaſſadour craued ſupport of ten thovſand men out of Scotland to Ingland.

Vpone the fyft day of Auguſt, proclamatioun wes maid at the mercat croce of Edinburgh, ſchewing the imminent denger wes lickly to inſchew vpone relligious perſonis, the Kingis eſteat, and the haill land; ratefeand the leage maid anent the ſatling and manteaning of relligioun, and thairfoir commanding the noblemen and vtheris gentlemen throw all the countrie, to cauſe the leidges ryſe quhenſoever occaſioun offered; to mak beeanefyres on the toppes of hilis, to conueine with all force, and to mak theare wapinſchewingis, the ſouthefyde of Forthe, betuix and the xx day of Auguſt, and benorthe vpone the laſt of the ſamyn.

At this tyme, Crounar Steuart wes direct ambaſſadour to Denmerk, to ſie quhat the King mycht liuk for tuitching the mariadge. Vpone the xxix day of the ſaid monethe of Auguſt, ane ſir Robert Sidney ambaſſadour come to Scotland with xvj horſſes in trayne, and, vpone the laſt of the ſamyn monethe, he gat preſence in the chancelleris ludging betuix the bowis.

In the monethe of September, the Spaniſche navie wes driven be ſtorme of wether on the coaſt of Norroway, quheare many of tham periſchit: lykas word come that xvj or xvij great ſchipis wer brokin on the coaſt of Irland, and ſex thovſand perſonis and v^{c} parreiſchet; and the reſt of the navie driwen away.

Vpone the xv day of November 1588, the ſaid coronall Steuart arryuit at Scotland from Denmerk, declairing that his Majeſtie ſould find all theare at his pleaſour, notwithſtanding the deathe of the King of Denmerk, quho had appoynted his ſone to tak ſick ordour anent that mariadge, as he had myndit him ſelfe.

At this ſamyn tyme, a conuentioun appoynted for reformatioun of diſordoured thingis in the countrey. Lykas the nobillety aſſembled the

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xxiiij day of the ſaid monethe, and appoynted certane commiſſioneris to ſit as juſtices in that parliament for puniſchment of ſlauchter, to begin the firſt, and to continow to the xv day of Merche.

At this tyme Mr Alexander Lyndſay, brother to the erle of Crafurd, being ane great courtiour, tuik the gift of the Kingis gaird over the maiſter of Glamis head, being captane of the gaird, quhairvpone the gaird wes brokin at the Kingis owin command. Quhairat the maiſter comming to Edinburgh to ane conuentioun wes heichlie movit, his office being givin to him be ane parliament, and teane from him without offence. Quhairvpone ſume braggingis paſt betuix the erle of Bothuell and the maiſter of Glamis, and great troubles licklie to fall furthe. Lykas the ſamyn nicht at ten houris at nicht, the pairteis forgathared with vther on the hie calſey at the Black Freir wynd head, and had particular ambuſchmentis layd for vtheris on ather ſyde, bot wer ſtayed. Yit his Majeſtie cauſit conuoy baithe the ſaidis pairteis on the morne to the abbay; the proveſt and bailyeis wer the conuoyeris, and thrie or four perſonis only on ather ſyde. His Majeſtie and his counſall called the pairteis befoir thame, and efter ſum tryell, fand thame baithe to have committed offence, and thairfoir ordeanit thame to be puniſchit at his Majeſties diſcretioun. He commandit the erle of Bothuell to waird within the palace of Linlithgow, and the maiſter of Glamis to the caſtell of Edinburgh. His Majeſtie awowit in preſence of the conuentioun, that gif theare ſould be any convocatioun be any lord, erle or barrone aganis quhatſumever perſone, he ſould reput the ſame as doune to himſelfe. Immediatlie efter the diſſoluing of the ſaid conuentioun, the erle of Huntlie wes maid captane of his Majeſties gairde, and tuik vp xxx hörſmen, and alſmany futmen.

In the begynning of Februar, word come to Scotland that the King of France had cauſit kill the duk of Gveiſe in his awin chalmer, quhilk bred ſick motioun that the toun of Pareiſe reuolted, and cauſit harle his

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picture throw the haill toun, awowing the King to be ane traitour, quhairvpone great inſurrectioun wes maid throw all the countrie, ſa that nane wes almoiſt in ſuertie.

The xxvij day of Februar 1588, the King repaired to the tolbuithe of Edinburgh to the ſeſſioun, and ordeanit the ſecreit counſall to meit [that] eſternoune in the ſaid tolbuithe. In the quhilk counſel the erle of Huntlie, vpone copies intercepted of twa letters ſend out of Ingland, and preſented be the Ingliſche embaſſadour nemit Mr Aſhbie heir reſident, wes accuſit vpon his wryting to the King of Spayne, declairing in effect that he wes conſtrained to ſubſcryve to the relligioun, and that he did it to inſinuat himſelffe in favour of the King; that he had gottin the gairde and his hienes eare at his pleſour, and willed the ſaid prince to arryve heir quhen he willed, and he ſould aſſiſt and fortefie him ſa far furthe as lay in his poſſibilletie. The ſaid erle denyand ony ſick letter, and that the ſamyn wes forged be the craft of Ingland, paſt notwithſtanding at the Kingis Majeſties deſyre to ward to the caſtle of Edinburgh, quhill he wer tryed foull or innocent of that ſa heiche a treaſoun. It wes ſayd that a Scotis Jeſuite fenyied the ſaid letter; and the word wes that the Spaniſche gold wes in Calender, to be diſtribute amangis the noblemen that wer at Calender.

In this meane tyme thaire wes ane great tumult in Edinburgh, and all men addreſt thame ſelffis to armes to the calſay.

Vpone the vij day of Merche 1588, the ſaid erle of Huntlie wes releivit out of the caſtell of Edinburgh, and Claud commendatour of Paſlay wes accuſit in the chancelleris houſe afoir the King and counſall tuitching the ſamyn letters, quhilk he altogidder denyed, and offered the combat till any man that wald accuſe him thairof, calling thame lyaris and traitouris. It wes alſo thocht meit that he ſould be wardit in the caſtell of Edinburgh till tryell, quho paſt to waird that ſamyn nicht.

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The Kingis Majeſtie, within twa or thrie dayis efterhend being called to the banket be the ſaid erle of Huntlie in William Fouleris houſe, paſt out in the morning to the hunting, and tryſtit to come in to his denner about ane efternoun. In the meanetyme the toun of Edinburgh and inhabitantis, being warnit priuely be thair magiſtratis to mak thame ſelfes rady in armes aganis the Kingis incomming; the word quhairof command to the ſaid erles knavledge, being on the feildis with the Kingis Majeſtie for the tyme, tald his hienes of the word he reſſavit out of the toun. His Majeſtie denyed ony ſick warning to have bein gevin of his knavledge, yit the ſaid erle being feared could not be perſuadit to come within the toun, bot fled to Dumfermling immediatly; bot the Kingis Majeſtie come in to the toun to William Fouleris houſe, to the denner that wes prepaired for him. Certane contrauerſie in wordis happining betuix the erle of Errole and the chanceller, the ſaid erle, thairvpoun hafing reteired him ſelfe of court, come to the feildis quhair the King wes that ſamyn day, and conferred ane houre with his Majeſtie, and depairted.

About this tyme thair come a Frenche man packet bearer fra the King of Navare, deſyring to have thrie thovſand waidged men; the laird of Weymis paſt in Ingland for the gold to tak thame vp with, and wes appoynted generall. About this tyme alſo, the erle of Merchell wes thocht meitteſt to pas ambaſſadour to Denmerk for the Kingis mariadge.

Vpone the ſecund of Apryle 1589, the King paſt from Edinburgh to Haltoun to the hunting, quhaire he remanit four dayis. In the meanetyme word come that the northland lordis wer vpone the feildis, and conuenit at Brechin; quhilk his Majeſtie hafing intelligence of in the morning airly, be the moyoun and advertiſment of the maiſter of Glamis, and that they wer command with thair forces to Edinburgh; quhairvpone his Majeſtie arroſe at twa houris in the morning, and red to Edinburgh, quhair he remanit in the chancelleris houſe betuix the bowis.

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The erle of Bothuell lykwayis reaſed ane force of thrie or four hundrethe men, come vpone the ſext of the ſaid monethe to Dalkeithe, quhair he remainit twa dayis. At quhilk tyme his Majeſtie, hearing thairof, cauſit ſend charges throw the haill countrie on the vther ſyde of Forthe, to ryſe bodin in fear of wear, betuix ſextie and ſextein, and repair to his Majeſtie with all heaſt, vnder the panes, etc. The erle of Bothuell in the meanetyme ſent ſundrie commiſſioneris to the King, offerring him in his Majeſties will, and to come to any pairt to his Majeſtie quhaire the chanceller wes not; bot could not come within the toun of Edinburgh, ſa lang as he wes with his Majeſtie, quhom he offered to proufe ane double traitour to his hienes, and accuſe him of twa or thrie ſundrie poyntis of treaſoun. The King vtterlie refuſit to ſpaik with the ſaid erle vpone ony conditioun, quhairvpone the ſaid erle vpone the nynt day diſſoluit his forces, and paſt weſtward with fourtie and him ſelff towardis Perthe, quhaire he remainit quhill the lordis his adherentis wer convenit, viz. Huntlie, Errole, Crafurde, Bothuell, Murray, Montroiſe and thair forces.

Vpone the ſame nynt day, proclamatioun wes maid agane, commanding all maner of man to pas forduard vpone the morne with his Majeſtie: lykas his Majeſtie, only accumpanied with ſex or ſevin ſcoir horſmen, paſt from Edinburgh towardis Linlithgow; the haill tounſmen of Edinburgh paſt on fute agaitward that day. His Majeſtie awowit to perſew the ſaidis noble men to the fardeſt pairt of Scotland, or elis to reduce thame to his obedience.

In the meane tyme, word ryſes that the maiſter of Glamis is teane in fleeing to Kirkhill, and caried with him to the northe.

Vpone the ſame tent day of the ſaid monethe of Apryle, his Majeſteis force increſſing more and more, paſt forduard to Sterling; on the morne to Perthe; furthe of the quhilk the lordis being diſſoluit, his Majeſtie, accumpanied with twa or thrie thovſand horſmen, paſt forduard imme-

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diatly to Dundie; fra thence to Brechin, and the nixt day to Cowie. Quhair the Kingis Majeſtie hearing that Huntly, Crafurd and Errole wer conuenit with thair forces in Aberdeen, to the number of iij^m men on fute and horſe, and wer of mynd to fecht his Majeſtie, his hienes tryſted to have bein at Dynnoter that nicht; [bot] took purpois in the middes of the way betuix Brechein and Cowie, to ly on the feildis hime ſelfe all nicht, as in deid thaire wer pallyeonis ſtented, quhair his Majeſtie reſted that nicht, and in Charles Movatis houſe in Cowie watchit quhill fyve houris in the morning. And hafing reſſavit ſum advertiſment, that vpone the ſamyn nicht the lordis merched out thrie thovſand men out of Aberdeen to the brig of Die, of intentioun to fecht, his hienes ſelfe maid ane exhortatioun to ſick as had remained with him in companie, declaired that ſick as fauored the lordis and wer not myndit to fecht had reteired thame ſelfes fra the army, and ſeing they that wer theare to fecht wer not abone v^c men or therby, he ſchew thame how theare quarrell wes the defence of the trew relligioun, and of his hienes perſone, eſtaite and croun, in quhilk quarrell he douttit not bot they that war theare wald hazard lyfes, landis and all.

Word come in the morning that a fuerfe had overgone the lordis hairtes, and that theare forces wer diſſoluit, and that the erle of Crafurde wes the firſt that paſt away and left thame. Then the barronis and vtheris gentlemen, conſiddering that his Majeſtie wes in propper perſone vpone the feildis, and the lordis quarrell to be ſa friuole aganis theare awin natiué prince, they ſkayled ane and ane, and paſt away; for they wer conuenit vpone ane declaratioun maid be the lordis, that thay had his Majeſteis warrand for that thing they did, quhilk they fand to be ane vntreuthe, als weill be his Majeſteis awin preſence, as be his priuat letters, and thairfoir a great number come in to his Majeſtie betuix Cowie and Aberdeen.

The Kingis Majeſtie come to Aberdeen vpone the xx day of Apryle,

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[and] remained theare thrie or four dayis. Vpone the xxij day, the maiſter of Glamis is ſent in, with captane Thomas Ker and ſex or ſevin vtheris perſonis to Aberdeen. His Majeſtie tuik purpois, in reſpect of the erle Huntleis delay to come in at Aberdeen, to pas to Straboggie to caſt doun the houſe, with the houſe of Slaynis, Buchvane and Fitterneir; and that nicht wes in Turray luiking for the comming in of the ſaid erle, and ſeing he come not, his Majeſtie paſt forduard to Straboggie on the morne. The nicht of his Majeſteis coming theare, the erle of Huntlie wes conuoyed out be the maiſter of Glamis to the Terriſoule beſyde Straboggie, quhair the haill noblemen that accumpanied his Majeſtie wer at ſupper and ludgit. The ſaid erle ſchuik handis with the ſaid noblemen at ſupper, and efter they had endit, he and the maiſter of Glamis ſovpit in the ſamyn houſe togither. He wes delyverit to the laird of Carmichell and captane William Home in keiping, and conuoyed be thame vpone the morne afoir the Kingis Majeſtie in to Aberdene, and fra that all the way to Edinburgh without ſicht of his Majeſtie. At his Majeſteis returning to Aberdeen, M'Kuntoſche, Drum, Grant and vtheris barronis wer movit to ſubſcryve ane band for his Majeſteis obedience. The erle of Huntlie wes wardit in Robert Gourlays houſe in Edinburgh.

And efter his Majeſteis returning to Edinburgh, Mr Robert Hepburne and Mr Dauid Lyndſy miniſteris trauellit for the erle of Bothuell, and promiſit to bring him in, vpone conditioun that his lyfe, landis and guidis ſould be ſayfed, and his freindis; quhilk the King yeildit to. Thairefter he wes brocht in, and put in the handis of captane Home in George Todrikis houſe, and therefter in a chalmer of Halyroudhous, and the erle of Crafurd command to Edinburgh wes wardit in his awin ludging.

Then folowit ane conuentioun vpone the xx day of Maij, quhair the erle of Huntlie and Crafurd wer callit in befoir his Majeſtie and eſtaitis,

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and thaire depoſitionis reſſavit, the erle of Huntleyis quyetlie in the yeard befoir a few of the counſell, and the erle of Crafurdis oppinly in preſence of all the counſall. Certane poyntis of treaſoun they denyed, and commiſſioun ſent to examine the erle of Bothuell; he denyed ony practiſe aganis his Majeſtie or relligioun, as they did all; and declaired plainlie that his ryſing in armis wes to be reuenged of the chanceller only. Alwayis his Majeſtie and eſtaitis thocht meit that they ſould be put to the tryell of ane aſſyſe; lykas vpone the xxiiij day of the ſaid monethe, the ſaidis thrie erles wer conuoyed out of waird, to the heiche tolbuith of Edinburgh, quhaire they wer accuſit of ſundrie poyntis of treaſoun. The erle of Huntly come in the Kingis Majeſteis will for the haill thing layd to his chairge; the vther twa wer put to the knavledge of ane aſſyſe, and the erle of Bothuell convict, of conueining with certane vtheris noble men, betuix Leithe and Edinburgh at the Quarrel holis, anent the devyſing of the alteratioun of the eſtaite, and the Kingis Majeſtie, and his countrie. The ſaid erle of Crafurde conuict of four poyntis of dittay, to wit of that the ſaid erle Bothuell wes convict of, of the ſuppryſing of the toun of Perthe, conveining his forces theare, of the fyre reaſing, and aſſaidging the houſe of Kirkhill, out of the quhilk the maiſter of Glamis wes teane, and command aganis his Majeſtie at Aberdeen, and vſing harrang to ſeduce his hienes ſubiectis to come aganis him ſelfe. This aſſyſe continowit till twa houris in the morning. His Majeſtie and the chanceller remained in the inner counſell houſe all the tyme, and efter convictioun, ordeanit the erles to be tranſported to the wardis quhair they had bein afoir; and at laſt tuik concluſioun that they ſould be put in ſum ſuirer wardein place. And ſua captane Home tuik the erle Bothuel to Tamptalloun, the erle of Huntlie to Borthuick, and the erle of Crafurde to the caſtle of St Androis.

It wes concludit in the laſt day of the ſaid conuentioun, that the erle Merſchell, the lord Dingvall, the conſtable of Dundie, accumpanied

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with Mr John Skene aduocat, ſould pas to Denmark in embaſſadge tuitching the mariadge; quho paſt forduard in their ambaſſadge magnificklie. Theare wes a parliament appoynted to be at Edinburgh the thrid of October.

Vpone the xiij of Junij 1589, it wes thocht guid that his Majeſtie ſould pas agayne to the northe, to ſatle the effaris of the countrey: his Majeſtie tryſted to be at Aberdeen the laſt of Junij, and to hald juſtice courtis. Vpone the ſecund day of Julij 1589, the King come to Aberdeen, and ſet doun deputis for halding courtes their: his Majeſtie ſtayed four or fyve dayis, and then paſt forduard to the Channorie of Roſe, quhair he ſlew ane great hairt, and wes weill bancketted and reſſavit be the barronis and gentlemen in the way. His Majeſtie ſtayed four or fyve dayis in Channorie and Cromartie, and returnit back to Aberdeen about the xxvij of the ſaid monethe, quhair he remanit till the fourt of Auguſt: vpone the quhilk day, a litle befoir his Majeſteis lovping on to ryd to Drum, the erle of Errole, Achindovne, Buckvane and Cluny come in to his hienes; weill reſſavit, with ſundrie vtheris Gordounes, vpone compoſitionis alwayis.

Vpone the ſext of the ſaid monethe, word come to the King in Edzell, that the King of France wes ſlayne in his owin chalmer be a freier. In this tyme Eſter Weymis tuik vp xv^{c} waidged men for the King of Novar, now alleggit King of France. His Majeſtie come to Edinburgh, to ſie how the Abbay wes decored aganis his wyfes comming, the Queine. Heirefter his Majeſtie red waſt to Hammiltoun, to the hunting and progres.

Vpone the xxviij day of the ſaid monethe, crovnall Steuart arryvit at Leithe from Denmerk, and come to Sterling to the King, with newis that the mariadge wes ſolemnizat betuix his Majeſtie and the Queine befoir his away comming; quhairvpone his Majeſtie immediatlie red to Edinburgh, to ſie all thingis prepaired accordinglie as he thocht fitt.

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About the xiiij or xv dayis of September 1589, the lord Dinguall come from Denmerk. He arryved at Stenehyfe, with newis to his Majeſtie that he had come in companie with the Quenis fleit thrie hundrethe myles, and wes ſeparat fra thame be ane great ſtorme: it wes feared that the Queine wes in denger vpone the ſeas. The King remained xvj or xvij dayis in Settoun, luiking for hir coming. Theare wes ane great propyne ſend out of Ingland to his Majeſtie, of ſundrie thingis: his Majeſteis clething and vtheris neceſſaris wer coſt at Londoun, be Mr John Coluill and certane merchandis of Edinburgh, and brocht in vpone the xxij day of September. The Abbay wes weill mendit and prepaired for all thingis, rady for the mariadge; and great preparatioun maid be the nobilletie and vtheris. Crounar Steuart wes direćtit to Norroway, to ſie quhat wes word of the Queine.

Vpone the tent day of October, thaire arryved ane ſchip that come fra the Queine, quhairin wer ſundrie of our awin men, namly Andro Sincler ſone to the lord Sincler, togither with ane ambaſſadour and ſpeciall man fra the Queine, then being in Norway: quho come to the King in the chancelleris ludging, and declaired the great denger the Queine had bein in vpone the ſea; and how being within ane hundrethe myles, ſcho wes drivin back to Norroway. So that ſcho wes vnhable, be reſſone of the leckes wes in hir awin and the reſtis ſchipis, to come forduard; ſchewing alſo that hir counſell the admirall and gunneris had concludit to goe back to Elſinvre, and to leave the Queine quhill Scotis ſchipis come furthe to hir.

Quhairvpone the Kingis Majeſtie being ſtruckin in great perplexitie, immediatlie tuik vp houſe in Leithe, quhair he cauſit reak to fyve ſchippis with all furnitour belonging therto, and ſend thame to Norroway, with ane great number of the nobilletie and vtheris ſtaitſmen. Lykas his Majeſtie tuik purpois ſecreatlie him ſelfe to pas in that jorney, and cauſit mak quyet preparatioun for him, keiping his purpois cloſe

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fra all men, als weill the nobilletie as commonis; quho hearing of the brute wer werie ſorie, bot could not mend it. His Majeſtie with the reſt ſould [have] maid ſaille vpone Sonday at efternoune, the xix day of October inſtant, at quhilk tyme theare come on ſick a deadlie ſtorme, that the ſchipis lyand all in Leith read wer ſchakin lovſe, and driven all vp to St Margaretis houpe, and ſua the jorney ſtayed for that nicht. Vpone the xxij day of October, about tuelff houris at evin, his Majeſtie maid ſaile to Norroway with fyve ſchipis in company: his Majeſtie wes driven back xx or xxx myles with great ſtorme, and read foranent St Monanis. Theare wer ſum perſonis come in with the King without warrand, quho wer ſent a land at St Monanis; and vpone the xxiiij, with a fair wynd come to Norroway.

Efter his Majeſteis depairtour, proclamatioun wes maid be his Majeſteis awin will and directioun ſubſcrivit with his hand, makand the diuk of Lennox preſident in his Majeſteis plaice, and the erle of Bothuell his coadjutouris, and to ſit and miniſter juſtice at Edinburgh: theare wes a counſall appoynted for thame to aſſiſt thame. The lord Hammiltoun wes appoynted leiftennent, and the lord Maxvell warden. The lord Hamiltoun and Maxvell craved the aſſiſtance of the diuk and erle Bothuell, quha ran ane covrſe for forderance of peax and quyetnes within the realme. The Kingis Majeſtie, be his awin privie letters and vtherwayis, exhorted all his Majeſteis leidges for peax and quyetnes till his returning, with certificatioun gif they failyeid, etc.

Vpone the xxviij day of the ſaid monethe of October, the Kingis Majeſtie landit at Flaikray on the coaſt of Norroway; quhair his Majeſtie remaining a great ſpaice went vp to Vpſlo, quhaire the Quene his bedfolow wes for the tyme, and come [there] with great trauell baithe vpone ſea and land, about the xix day of November theareſter; and immediatly at his comming, paſt quyetlie with buites and all to hir hienes. The reſt of his company went to his awin ludging takin aganis his com-

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ming. His Majeſtie myndit to give the Queine a kiſſe efter the Scotis faſchioun at meiting, quhilk ſcho refuſit as not being the forme of hir countrie. Marie, efter a few wordis priuely ſpokin betuix his Majeſtie and hir, thair paſt familiaretie and kiſſes.

Vpone the xxiij of November 1589, the King and Queine wer maried in Vpſlo, by Mr Dauid Lyndſay miniſter at Leithe. The bancket wes maid efter the beſt forme they could for the tyme.

Vpone the xv day of December, the lord Dingvall, Barnbarroche and ſundrie vtheris, ſpecialis and foloweris of the lordis, arryvit at Leithe with newis of his Majeſteis guid ſucces and eſtaite, and that his Majeſtie wes only occupyed in making of the Queine, and wes not myndit to come home befoir the ſpring of the yeir. Lykas the haill ſchippis wer ſend back, and his Majeſteis quhole company almoiſt, becauſe the King wes thair interteined vpone the Queinis chairges.

Vpone the xvij day of December, Mr Bowis embaſſadour, command in without conduct, wes commandit be the counſall to his ludging for a day. And thairefter compearit with ane letter from the Queine of Ingland, ſchewand that ſcho had gottin intelligence of noblemen and vtheris traffecking with the Jeſuites, and that ſence his Majeſteis depairtour, there had bein letters ſent be thame to Spayne and vtheris places, and promiſſes maid for ſubuerſioun of relligioun within the realme; and that ſundre conuentionis wer keipit be thame to this effect, and that ſcho thocht guid to acquent the counſell thairwithe; certefeing thame, that gif they wald not tak ordour thairwith, or that they laiked pover or ſubſtance to doe the ſamyn, ſche wald ſupplie the ſame to hir vtter pover. It wes anſuerit be ane generall letter: that they knew of na ſick purpois, and thairfoir neidit nather to imploy thair awin force and pover nor hiris; and that the countrie had never beine in ſick quyetnes, as it had bein ſen his Majeſteis depairtour.

About the xvj day of Merche, William Schaw maiſter of work come

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from the King out of Denmerk, with directioun to cauſe the ſchipis the burrowis had appoynted mak out for bringing his Majeſtie homeward, to outred the abbay, and have all thingis in radines for his Majeſteis homecomming, quhilk ſould be in Apryle nixt; ſchewing alſo that the Queine wes with bairne, and that the King and his company had bein weill interteaned. About the penult of Merche 1590, Coronall Steuart maid ſayle towardis his Majeſtie, accumpanied with twa or thrie ſchippis, and appoynting the reſt to folow.

About this tyme word come that a feild wes ſtruckin in France, betuix the King and diuk de Mayne, the king being nyne thovſand, and the diuk xv^{m} men, and that the King had wyn the feild, with great ſlauchter of his enemeis, to the number of viij^{m}. Theare wes alſo many nobles and counſellaris of the Kingis ſlayne. The King wes praiſed as being moiſt curagious, and wes the firſt that geve onſet him ſelffe; he and all the hoiſt beguid with prayer, and pat all in Godis handis, and thairvpone repoſit vpone the certantie of victorie, quhilk he gat indeid.

Vpone the xiiij day of Apryle, Carmichell come from his Majeſtie out of Denmerk, declairing that his Majeſtie and his Queine wer to come home at the xv day of Apryle, incaice the diuk of Brunſvick, quha wes to come their out of Almanye, did not come; quho wes to marie ane vther dochter. And gif the diuk come, his Majeſtie wald ſtay bot vj or viij dayis longer for making his acquentance with him, and wald not ſtay the mariadge. Carmichell tuik vp ane gairde of j^{c} horſmen, and alſmany futmen; and the word reaſe, that Ingland had reakit out ſum ſchipis for taking his Majeſtie be the way. About the ſamyn tyme the Juſtice Clerk wes directed out of Denmerk to Ingland, and returnit to Scotland about the xxvj day of Apryle 1590. Vpone the laſt day of Apryle, Croumar Steuart arryvit at Leith, with newis that the King wes at hand, and the haill fleit within the Scotis ſeas, and thairfoir directit to have all in radines.

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His Majeſtie with the Queins grace arryvit at Leithe vpone the morne at nicht, being the firſt of Maij 1590, and remanit in the Kingis work theare, till the ſext day of the ſamyn monethe, that the palace of Halyroudhous wes maid rady. They wer met command out of the boit be the diuk of Lennox, lord Hamiltoun, erle Bothuel and a great number of the nobilletie, with ſum honeſt men of Edinburgh. Thaire was a coronatioun appoynted at Edinburgh the xvij day for the Queine.

Thare come with the King and Quenis Majeſteis the admirall of Denmark Callipeir, Monke the captoune of Elſinburgh, with ſundrie utheris noblemen of the realme, and beſydes that a xxx or fourtie perſonis in goldin chenyeis of guid faſchioun. The number of the haill trayne wes ij^{c} xxiij perſonis, quhilkis wer all interteined be the King and noblemen of Scotland, and bancketted daylie. They wer j^{m} and twa$_{c}$ merkis evrie day for thair furniſchingis, during the tyme of thair remaining. Vpone the xij day of Maij, the admirall accumpained with ſundrie Denſſes paſt to Falkland, Dumfermling and Linlithgow, to tak ſeaſing of the thrie lordſchipis for the Queins dourie.

The coronatioun wes within the Abbay kirk vpone the xvij day with great ſolemnetie, and the croun ſet on hir head be Mr Robert Bruce and Mr Dauid Lyndſay miniſteris. At this tyme the chanceller wes maid lord Thirlſteane. Mr Patrik Galloway maid the firſt ſermoun, Mr Robert Bruce the ſecund, with ane exhortatioun to obedience, and cauſit all the pepill hald vp thair handis; and Mr Andro Melwill ane oratioun in Latine.

Vpone the nyntein day of Maij, the Queins grace maid entrie in Edinburgh at the Weſt poirt, and wes reſſavit, efter a certane ſpeiche in Latine, and delyverie of the keyiſſe as vſe is, and wes conuoyed throw the haill toun vnder a waill to Halyroudhouſe. Theare wes xlij young men all cled in quhyt talfettie, and wiſſeouris of black cullour

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on thair faces lyk Mores, all full of gold chenyeis, that dancit befoir hir grace all the way. Vpone the xxvj of the ſamyn monethe, the Denſes paſt a ſchipbuird; they gat the banket of the toun of Edinburgh four dayis of befoir: a woilley wes ſchot be the ſchipis and the caſtell.

Vpone the [vij] day of Junij, the erle of Worſcheſter come embaſſadour from Ingland, accumpanied with the lord Comptoun and thrie or four ſcoir horſſes. He brocht a propyne to the Queine, quhilk wes ane clock, ritchly wrocht and ſet with Jowelis, ane carkat of perle, with ane tablet, and a knok. Quhat forder commiſſioun he had it was not divulgat; he remainit aucht or ten dayis, and depairted. At this ſamyn tyme, crovnall Steuart and Mr John Skenie paſt in ambaſſadge to the diukis of Almanyie; and Carmichell folowed thame in embaſſadge to Ingland.

Theare wes a conuentioun of the eſtaites for reformatioun of all inormeteis. The lordis of ſeſſioun wer intendit to be altered, and ſum accuſatioun paſt betuix Mr Johne Grahame and Mr Dauid M'Gill, baithe lordis of the ſeſſioun, ather of thame accuſing utheris of bryberie and kneavrie. At this tyme j^{c} thovſand lib. of the Kingis tocher guid wes givin to the burrowis in bank for ten of the hundrethe, quhilk extendit to ten thovſand pundis yeirly. Vpone the xij of the ſamyn monethe, the Queine went thither to Dumfermling and Falkland, quhair they remaynit a ſchort ſpaice: the King went to his progres weſt, throw to Hamiltoun and Inſchmirrane. The King returning tuik the Queine to Dumfermling, and fra that to Edinburgh, quhaire they remanit all wynter.

In the end of October 1590, word come that the King of France had left the ſeidge of Pareiſe, and that Parmey and diuk de Mayne had entered without batle thairin; and that the toun of Torbit a litle from Pareiſe wes wyn be the ſaidis diukis, and all the inhabitantis put to the ſuord. It wes thocht that the King of France diſſoluit his army for want of wiveris, and that they wer long weiried.

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Vpone the feird day of November, Mr Alexander Lyndſay brother to the erle of Crafurde wes maid lord of Spynie, and with him ſir George Home and ſir James Sandilandis knichtit.

In the begining of December, newis come out of France that the King had wyn Torbet againe, and pat all to the aidge of the ſuorde; and that he had teane the feildis, and that vij^m gentlemen voluntaris come in vpone thair awin chairgis, and myndit to fecht the diuk of Parmay befoir his away going; and the Baſtillyee of Pareis wes mannit be certane tounſemen, quho called *Viva la Roy*.

Ane great controuerſie fell out about this tyme, betuix certane of the erle of Huntleis freindis and the Grantis; quhairvpone forces wer reaſed vpone ather ſydis: and the erles of Atholl and Murray with the laird of Grant being in Tarnuay, the erle of Huntlie come to beſeadge the houſe, quhaire thear wes ſundrie of the Gordouns ſlayne, namlie ane Johne Gordoun, ſchot in at the movthe throw the craig and died. They wer all chairged afoir the ſecreit counſall. Lykas, about the end of December, they wer all compellit to find cautioun for keiping the Kingis pace, and not inuading of utheris. Bot the erle of Huntlie, now being reconciled with the chanceller, had great court, and all doune at his pleſour.

Great inquiſitioun at this tyme for witches. Lykas Barbara Neapper and Evphane M'Kallian and Agnes Sampſon, wemen of guid reputatioun afoir, wer teane as witches, with ſundrie utheris baithe men and weemen. Sampſoun wes brunt, and died weill; the reſt wes keipit. Amangis the reſt, ane Ritchie Grahame accuſit of witchcraft confeſt many poyntis, and declaired that the erle of Bothuell wes ane treſſecker with him and utheris, anent the conſpyring of the Kingis dead. Quhairvpone the erle Bothuell, being ſend for and accuſit, being ane great poynt of treaſoun, wes committed to waird within the caſtle of Edinburgh, and werie ſtraitlie keipit.

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In the beginning of Merche 1591, theare come in a great man out of Irland, to tak vp men aganis the Queine of Ingland, namit Bryanne Arroyk; quho remayning about ten or tuelf weikis in Glaſgow, at laſt wes committed to waird within the caſtle of the ſamyn; and theirefter tranſported be the pryour of Blantyre and the laird of Carmichell to Carleill toun, quhairfra he wes caried to the Queine and delyverit in hir handis, to the great greife of many and ſlaunder of the countrie, beſyd the ſkaithe the merchandis of the weſt had that trauelled to Irland. Vpone the xvj or xvij day of the ſaid monethe, ſuir word come that the Chairterhous wes wyn be the King of France, quhairin the haill ritches of Pareiſe wes put in keiping. Vpone the xvij day of Junij 1591, the King maid his generall reuocatioun at Falkland.

Vpone the xxij day of the ſaid monethe of Junij, the erle Bothwele brak ward out of the caſtle of Edinburgh at twa houris in the morning, be the conuoy of Gilbert Lauder quho went with him. The King being in Tullibardin come immediatly to Edinburgh, and ſocht for ane force to perſev him at Kelſo. The erle of Bothuell come to the Nether bow and cryed in, deſyring ony man to bid the chanceller come and tak him, and he wald give ony man a croune; and that ſamyn nicht ſovpit in Leithe, quhair the erle of Home joynit with him; and the erles of Mortoun, Errole, maiſter of Glamis and vtheris wer his ſauoreitis. Quhairvpone the chanceller being affrayed, he ſent for the King, quho come to Edinburgh in all heaſt. And his Majeſtie beand be the way in Weſterweymis, the erle of Merſchell come to him, quhom he wold not heir, bot committed him in waird. The ſamyn erle wes brocht before the counſell, accuſit and committed to waird within the caſtle of Edinburgh; ſchortly therefter fred.

Vpone the penult of Julij, the King wreyt for the nobillety and barronis in all heaſt. The lord of Spynie paſt to Angus for taking of the maiſter of Glamis, bot come back without him. Quho therefter wes

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committed to waird in Blacknes, and releivit within a ſchort ſpace, and wardit beyond Die. The lord Home wes commandit out of the countrey, and the laird Balcleuche lykwayis paſt of the countrey with licence.

Vpone the xxvij day of December 1591, be a conſpiracie the abbay of Halyroudhouſe wes ſuppryſit. The erle of Bothuell, laird of Spot, laird of Nethrie, Archibald Douglas ſone to William erle of Mortoun, and Mr John Colwill with thair aſſociatis, to the number of fourtie or fiftie perſonis, enterit in at a ſtable dur beſyd the eaſt geavill of the treatour toure, quhilk wes called the diukes ſtable, within the quhilk thaire wes a trape and ane entres priuielie maid, quhilk paſt in to the plaice. And hafing entered therin, they firſt bereft the portour of the keyis, and then paſt to the chancelleris chalmer dur; they dang vp the ſamyn; he being forſein be the kry of ane boy that theare wes ane tumult of men in the cloſe, he withdrew him ſelff and ſum vtheris within his inner chalmer, quhilk hes ane narow entrie, at quhilk the ſaidis conſpiratouris ſtrak with foir halmeris and ſchot piſtoletis. Theare wes ſum ſchotis of muſcatis ſchot out againe; ſum of thame wer hurt, and for fear to be trappit paſt to the Quenis chalmer dur, quhilk they brak vp, and wer put from it till they gead that ſamyn way they come: and in that meane tyme, John Schaw maiſter ſtabler wes ſlayne vpone the morne, and vther morne folowing, theare wes aucht of the ſamyn perſonis teane, and hanged without aſſyſe foranent the Abbay yet.

The diuk of Lennox wes ſuſpect of this purpois, be reſſoun that ane of his ſeruandis William Steuart wes at the deid doing, and fugitiue with the reſt. Certane of his Majeſteis awin ſeruandis wer ſuſpectit, ſpecially Robert Land and Mr James Durhame of Duntarvie, quho wer apprehendit and committed to waird vpone the iiij of Januar. Lykwayis John Neſmyt wes accuſit, quho wes committed to waird within the caſtell of Edinburgh, and fund heireſter to have bein the ſpeciall plotter

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and devyſer of that buſſines; his lyfe wes ſpeared, bot him ſelffe baniſchit.

About the xx day of Januar, word come that the erle of Bothuel with a great cumpany wes in the weſt pairtes, myndit to pas to Spayne. The diuk of Lennox and the erle of Huntlie war ſent with commiſſioun to tak the ſaid erle; he narovly eſcapit thair handis and paſt to Buit, or ſum vther ile therabout. And they, remaining their aucht or ten dayis vpon a chack, wer compellit to returne home as they come as feild, except that they brocht in the ſcheref of Buit with thame, quho maid his awin pairt good. And then ſome of the ſaid gaird wer ſend for to tak John Smollert, as ſuſpect to have bein vpone this conſpiracie; and the ſaid John being brocht afoir the counſall, he wes examinat, and keipit a certane ſpaice. In lykmaner ſir James Sandelands and the ſcheref of Buite war ſend, with commiſſioun to ſearche and ſeik the ſaid erle of Bothuell.

Vpone the vij day of Februar or therby, the erle of Huntlie, with ſex or ſevin ſcoir of his freindis, paſt out of the Kingis houſe, and maid thame to giang to ane horſe reaſe at Leithe; bot quhen they wer theare, hafing the executioun of a blouddie conſpiracie in thaire hairte, they paſt to the Queinis ferrie, quhair they had cauſit ſtay the paſſing over of all boittis, and paſt toward the plaice of Donnybirſell beſyd Aberdour, perteining to vmquhill James erle of Murray. Quhilk being the duelling houſe of his mother, and he brocht to the ſamyn be the lord Vchiltrie, vpone his Majeſteis promeis to reſſave him in his hienes fauour, for any occaſioun of hafing to doe with the erle of Bothuell, and vpone his Majeſteis promeis to aggrie him the erle of Huntlie and the chanceller Mettland, ſua vpone his Majeſteis deſyre and command foirſaid, the ſaid lord Vchiltrie wreyt for him; quheare [vpone] he come to Donnybirſell, quhaire he wes ſlayne.

That ſamyn nicht that he wes ſlayne, efter his Majeſteis come in fra

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the hunting, to his ludging in Nithreis wynde in Nicoll Eduardis houſe, quhair he ludgit at that tyme; the lord Vchiltrie, hearing the bruit quhairof he had no certantie, being accumpained at the tyme with fourtie or fiftie horſſe of his awin, be reſſoun of his deadlie feadis that he ſtood vnder, paſt thame all in armes, and maid thame ſelffes radie to giang over to Dunnibirſell to ſie the maner: lykas the erle of Mortoun promiſit to ſend ſum of his men with him alſo. Quhairof the King being informed, ſend for the ſaid lord Vchiltrie with all diligence to come vnto him, and in the meanetyme cauſit cloiſe the portis, and geve command to the bailyeis to ſtay all his horſſes within thaire ſteables. Lykas at his coming to his Majeſtie, efter long conference his Majeſtie diſcharged him in ony ſoirt to ſteir that nicht, or to ryd by his knavledge. The ſaid lord efter ſum ſpeiches to his Majeſtie reteired to his awin ludging. And vpone the morne therefter, quhaire the ſaid erle of Huntley with his bloudie menzie maiſt treſſonablie reaſed fyre, brunt the houſe of Donnybriſell, and maiſt vnvorthelie and ſchamefullie murdreiſt and ſlew the ſaid vmquhill erle of Murray, being the luſtieſt youthe, the firſt noble man of the Kingis bloode, and one of the peiris of the countrey, to the great regrait and lamentatioun of the haill pepill. And ſlew with him the ſcheref of Murray, and hurt thrie or four vtheris his ſeruandis; tuik ſome of his ſeruandis alſo, and returnit peceablie back fra that execrable murthour, to the toun of Innerkeathing, quhaire they remanit all that nicht. The bloodie traitouris awowit that they had the Kingis commiſſioun to this purpois, quhilk his Majeſtie denyed. In the meanetyme of theare ſtaying in Innerkeathing that nicht, the ſaid erle Huntlie ſend over Gordoun of Buckie to tell the King the newis; quha wes haldin at the Kingis yet, and depairted to his ludging. Quhairof knavledge comming to the lord Vchiltrie, and ſum of the diuk of Lennoxis ſeruandis, and erle of Maris, he went and ſocht him warie diligentlie in the Cannogeat; and hearing that he had teane horſe at a

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backſyde and ridden away, the ſaid lord Vchiltrie ſent for his horſſe with all diligence, and folowit efter him; bot he eſchappit werie narroulie, and come agayne to the erle of Huntlie in Innerkeathing, quhair he being at his denner reaſe thairfra, and ſlipped away without paying of his lawing.

Vpone the nynt day of Februar, the dead bodeis of the erle of Murray and ſcheref of Murray wer brocht over the waiter to Leithe be the lady Doun his mother, quha myndit vpone the morne therefter to preſent thame to the King; quhairof his Majeſtie being forſeine, he paſt out to the hunting, and commandit the bailyeis of Leithe to arreaſt the dead bodeis in theare ludging quhair they wer, and ſuffer thame not to be tranſported quhill they knew mair of his Majeſteis mynd. Many noblemen wer wreyttin for, bot nane come except the lord of Hammiltoun, quha went out that ſamyn day with his Majeſtie to the hunting. Captane Gordoun and his man wes brocht over lykwayis, with the dead corpis. Theare wes ane warrand procurit be the lord of Spynie, till have teane captane Gordoun out of Leithe to the caſtle of Edinburgh, to have eſchewit the preſent tryell of law; quhairof the lord Vchiltrie being informit, tuik horſe, and his ſeruandis with him to the number of xxx or xl gentlemen weill horſit in thair armour, and folowit furthe efter the King to the hunting. Quhaire he come vnto the King vpone the northe ſyde of Corſtorphin craiges beyond Cravmound, quhaire his Majeſtie wes takin a drink, lichted, and ſtayed his horſe at the hill fute, and come to his Majeſtie, and ſchew him that he wes informit that theare wes ane warrand procurit to carie captane Gordoun to the caſtle of Edinburgh, quhilk wald be ane henderance to his tryell in law, and the aſſyſe and all vtheris thingis maid rady; declairing to his Majeſtie how far this murthour tuitched his hienes, quhairof he beſocht him moſt humblie to conſidder, and quhat great wrong he had reſſavit heirin his Majeſtie beſt knew; quha cauſit him wreyt for the ſaid erle and the

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chanceller Maitland. Vpone the ſaid lord Vchiltrie his earneſt deſyre, his Majeſtie granted him a warrand to preſent the ſaid captane Gordoun and his man to the tryell of ane aſſyſe that ſamyn day; quhilk with all diligence the ſaid lord did performe, and the ſaid captane wes beheadit, and his man hanged, quho wer baithe at the ſaid murthour.

Proclamatiounis wes maid the tent day of the ſaid monethe, to all noblemen, barronis and vtheris within a great number of ſcherefdomes, to ryſe in armes with tuentie dayis loading, and mak forduard with the Kingis Majeſtie, [the] tent day of Merche nixt, for purſuit of the erle of Huntlie, and the committeris of the lait treſſonable fact within the palace of Halyroudhous, efter the King and Quenis Majeſteis had remanit a certane tyme in Edinburgh, and the King and chaunceller wes murmured aganis be the commoun pepill, for not haſſing ſick regaird to the puniſchment of that murthour as become. The Kingis Majeſtie, the chanceller and court tuik jorney about the end of the ſaid monethe of Februar to Linlithgow, quhair his Majeſtie remanit a certane tyme. They paſt fra that to Glaſgow and Dumbartane, quhaire calling befoir thame and thair counſell ſum of the reſetteris of the erle Bothuell, laitlie in theſe pairtis about Dumbartane, they wardit the laird of Foulwood and his wyfe, with ſum vtheris; and haſing taried a certane tyme, in theare backcomming from Dumbartane, in the toun of Glaſgow (as all the countrie thocht purpoſlie, and as it appeared to eſchew the exclamatioun of the pepill,) they returnit to Linlithgow. At the Kingis being in Dumbartane, the maiſter of Elphinſtoun wes ſend to him in commiſſioun be the erle of Huntlie, quho, in the ſaid erles name, offerrit him and his companie to a tryell for the ſaid murthour, ather befoir his Majeſtie and his counſell, or the juſtice generall and his deputis; thinking that a commiſſioun, quhilk he purcheſt of his Majeſtie for the perſuite of ſick as aſſiſted the erle of Bothuell, ſould bein a ſufficient warrand for the ſlauchter of the erle Murray. Alwayis it wes thocht meit

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heirvpone, that the erle of Huntlie ſould be chairged to compeir befoir the King and counſell at a day, that his compearance to abyd tryell micht be maid ſuir, albeet nothing wes les meanit then wer that he ſould bein therby indengerit or trubled. The chairge being direct out, it wes thocht meit that he ſould [not] be ſufferit to come in his Majeſteis preſence, for the bruites cauſe, and for eſchewing of forder miſlyking of the pepill; bot befoir the day of compearance to [be] committed in waird for his tryell. And ſua the ſaid erle, comming forduard in armis to keip the day, accumpanied with ſevin or aucht[c] men, wes chairged be the way in the toun of St Johnſtoun, to enter his perſone in waird in the caſtle of Blacknes, and his freindis in the caſtle of Edinburgh. He come to his waird, and enterit therin, bot his freindis paſt back, and diſſobeyit the chairge. Efter he had remanit a fyve or ſex dayis in wairde, he geve in ane bill to the counſell, and deſyrit to be fred, vpone cautioun that he ſould compeir vpone the thrid day of the nixt juſtice air within the ſchyre quhair he duelt, or ſooner vpone xv dayis warning, and vnderly the law for the ſaid murthour: quhilk, efter ſum circumſtances vſit, wes granted be the King and maiſt pairt of the counſell, and his releif put in the Kingis awin handis; and ſua wes fred quyetlie be his Majeſtie, and paſt therfra to the caſtell of Fyndheavin, quhair he remanit in cumpanie with the erle of Crafurde a certane tyme; and thereſter wes fred ſimpliciter, or vpone cautioun never fund, as I hard. The lord Vchiltrie, ſeing how thir maiteris wer handlit, and how the reuendge of this murthour be law wes neglectit, quhairvpone he had ſtayed all this tyme, and that his Majeſtie had promiſit vnto him to ſolow furthe that maiter be law in all rigour; he, ſeing no appearance therof, paſſes over the water to the erle of Atholl, the erle of Montroiſe, M'Kuntoſche, Grant, the laird of Weymis of that ilk, with the haill barronis apperteaning and depending vpone the houſe of Atholl, and cauſſes ſet doun a band in wreyt, obliſſand thame to concur

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and goe forduard at all occaſionis quhen they ſould be requyrit, or that occaſioun ſould offer, for the reuendge of that murthour: lykas he red throw all his freindis vpone the ſouthe ſyde of Forthe, and cauſit thame to ſubſcryve the ſaid band. Quhairof the King hearing be informatioun of chanceller Maitland, and his inſtigatioun movit his Majeſtie to ſend for the ſaid lord Vchiltrie, and to inquyre for the ſaid band. The lord Vchiltrie affermit and confeſt his trauelling and obteaning of the ſamyn band, alledging that he had great reſſoun ſo to doe, for he ſaw no vther appearance of reuendge to come; afferming oppinlie to his Majeſtie at all tymes, that he wald embrace and refuſe no freindſchip that wald aſſiſt and tak pairt in the reuendge of that murthour.

The Kingis Majeſtie remaining in Merche at Linlithgow, the nobilletie and eſtaitis wer wreyttin for to ane conuentioun, the xx day of Apryle beſoir the parliament, quhilk wes continowit to the xxiiij day of Maij thairefter. For eſchewing and ſchuilting this conuentioun, the Kingis Majeſtie ten or xij dayis beſoir tuik jorney out of Edinburgh vpone the ſuddand toward Dundie, quhair he hard that the erle Bothuell wes ſchipped at Bruchtie, and paſſing thairfra to Kaithnes. At that tyme he remanit viij or ix dayis in Dundie, quhaire he vſit a tryell of ſum perſonis that had reſſavit the erle of Bothuell; and thairefter paſt to Perthe, quhaire the erle of Atholl wes deſyred to compeir afoir his Majeſtie and counſell, to anſuer for the reſet of the erle Bothuell in his boundis and countrie. The maiſter of Gray [wes] chairged for this ſamyn reſet, quho wes fugitiue. The erle of Atholl being ſumquhat ſlaw in his incomming, proclamatiounis wer direct to mak forduard vpone him, bot the erle of Mar perceaving the extreametie, purcheſt a commiſſioun to him ſelfe and the lord of Tillibardin, to pas for Atholl and bring him in, quho did the ſamyn; bot Athol come ſubſtantiuſlie accumpanied. And remaining quhill the day of the conuentioun wes expyred at St Johnſtoun, his Majeſtie come to Falkland, quhaire reſo-

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lutioun wes teane that the conuentioun and parliament ſould bathe hald forduard, the conuentioun the xxiiij day of Maij, and the parliament within v or vj dayis thairefter; quhairvpone the nobilletie and eſtaitis wer wrettin for of new to that effect. And thairefter the King come over at Erlfferrie to Fentoun; and remayning theare about thrie or four dayis come to Dalkeithe, furthe of the quhilk he come the xxiiij of Maij 1592 to Edinburgh, for halding of the conuentioun and parliament.

At this ſame tyme word come of the King of France victorie over the prince of Parmey; and how he had teane flicht, and wes defeat.

It wes thocht meit that, at the beginning of the conuentioun and parliament, they ſould cheiſe the lordis of artickelis, vpone the xxix day of Maij in the tolbuithe of Edinburgh. Theare repaired to the ſamyn the duik of Lennox, erle of Anguſe, Mortoun, with vtheris diverſe erles and lordis. Theare wes a new counſall choſen the ſame tyme. The proces of forfaltour wes led aganis the erle Bothuell, laird of Spot, laird of Samuelſtoun, Nithre, William Steuart ſumtyme conſtable of Dumbartane, Patrik Comming, with certane utheris partakeris with the erle Bothuell. Sundrie guid actis maid in favouris of the miniſtrie, and vtheris of the temporall eſtait; I remit thame to the buik.

The King and Queinis Majeſtie remaining in Falkland in Junij 1592, vpone the xxviij day betuix ane and twa in the nicht, the ſaid erle Bothuell hafing conſpyred the apprehenſioun of the Kingis perſone that nycht, accumpanied with iij ^{c} perſonis, and perſevit the palace thairof fra that tyme to vij houris in the morning; bot the King with theſe about him, being for ſeine and advertiſit be the watche, withdrew himſelff to the tour of Falkland, quhilk they had furniſchit with wiveris, and ſchot furthe, and keipit the ſamyn without hurt. And ſua the ſaid erle depairted with his companie weſt fra the ſaid palace, about vij houris in the morning, bot his Majeſtie not being any number, and his horſſes

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teane be Bothuell, he left of the foloving of thame. The gentlemen and haill inhabitantis of Fyffe come faſt in hearing of this, and that Bothuell wes fled: theare come alſo Perthe, Dundie, Covpar, with ſundry vtheris burrowis, to the number of iij^{m} perſonis or thairby, or ſex houris at ewin. His Majeſtie tuik purpois that ſame nicht, to pas at aucht houris at ewin to Brunteland, and vpone the morne come over to Halyroudhouſe, quhaire his Majeſtie remainit a certane ſpaice.

The erle of Angus wes command forduard to that conſpiracie, bot ſuerued and ſtayed at Merkinſche; quhairvpone he wes chargit to compeir befoir the King and counſall. The laird of Balweirie and Ardrie joynit thameſelffes with Bothuell.

The lairdis of Burley and Logie, delaitted to [have] had intelligence with the erle Bothuell, wer takin and apprehendit be the diuk of Lennox, the ix day of Auguſt 1592, and committed to ward within Dalkeithe; quhaire being examinat they baithe confeſt the ſame. Burley gat his lyfe for telling the treuthe, bot Logie, being a great courtiour with the King, and dealler with the erle Bothuell, in Bothuellis interpryſe quhilk ſould bein done at Dalkeithe, to wit, that they ſould come in at the back yet throw the yeard, and gottin the King in thair handis, the ſaid laird of Logie wes ordeanit to be tryed be ane aſſyſe, and execut to the dead. Bot the ſame nycht that he wes examinat, he eſcapit out be the meanis of a gentlevoman quhom he loved, a Dence, quho conuoyed him out of his keiperis handis throw the Queinis chalmer, quhaire his Majeſtie and the Queine wer lyand in thair beddis, till a wyndow in the backſyde of the plaice, quhair he gead doun vpone a tow; and ſchot thrie piſtoletis in takin of his onlovping, quhaire ſum of his ſeruandis with the laird of Nithrie wer awating him.

Vpone the xv day of Auguſt 1592, the lord of Spynie wes accuſit of the reſet and intercommuning with the erle Bothuell, be crovnall Steuart befoir the King and counſall. Quhilk being denyed, efter mony

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atteſtatiounis and offer of the combat, the ſaid crownnar offerrit to prove, be witneſſe and ſundrie vtheris circumſtances, vpone the xxix day of the ſamyn monethe, affienit to that effect. The lord Spynie wes committed to ward in Sterling caſtle, and the crounar in Blacknes in the meantym, quhair he had beine of befoir, as ſuſpect giltie of Falkland read. The day hafing come, the crovnar refuſit to vſe ony witneſſes or circumſtances, alledging that it mycht be preiudiciall to the cauſe, for they mycht be ſlayne or ſubornit, and declaired that he wald vſe his witneſſe at the day of tryell; quhilk the counſell thocht expedient, and ſet a day to that effect, the xij of September nixt, and in the meanetyme wardit. Vpone the v of September, Airdrie and captane Hackertoun, aſſociates of the erle Bothuell, wer bathe teane in Leithe be the maiſter of Glamis and ſir James Sandelandis.

In the meanetyme the chanceller fled of court, and durſt not remayne thairat be reſſone of the illwill [of] the diuk of Lennox. The erle of Ergyle, erle of Mar, maiſter of Glamis remanit about his Majeſtie at Dalkeithe. The diuk quarrellit the chanceller for vſing ſum tanting wordis. The court at this tyme beguid to miſlyk the chanceller and Lyndſais that buir court of befoir.

* It wes aggreet betuix [the diuk] and Seſſuird, that Patrik Murray ſeruand to the King ſould leid the teindis; ſa the diuk returnit. They had ane vther purpoiſe, to wit the taking and bringing in of Fernihearſt, Hunthill, and certane vtheris bordourmen, ſuſpect of the reſet of the erle of Bothuell; bot not finding the tyme fit, and hearing that they wer gathered, they left, and returnit home. The purpois of the vplifting of the teindis of Kelſo and Sprouiſtoun wes refuſit be all men. Then the Kingis Majeſtie preſſed the lord Ochiltrie thairwith, quho freelie vndertuik the ſamyn; quhairvpone theare wes fiftie horſmen

* A paragraph appears to be omitted here, which is supplied in the Appendix, from the other M.S.—Ed.

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givin him in pay, quhom the ſaid lord payed monethlie, with the ſaid rent of Sprovſtoun and Kelſo, during all the tyme of his theare being. His Majeſtie lykwayis wes informed that Boduell had ane that conyeed fals conyee, in the houſe of Row in Liddiſdeall: vpone the quhilk informatioun, his Majeſtie wreyt to the lord Vchiltrie, deſyring him to go to the ſaid houſe, and to bring ſick men to his Majeſtie as he fand theare, togither with all ſick inſtrumentis as could be their had for conyeing, with pover to reaſe the haill countrie gif neid war. Quhairvpone immediatelie the ſaid lord Vchiltrie gatherd to the number of ſevin or aucht ſcoir horſſe, all in armour, weill horſit, and red firſt to Jedburghe, quhair they ſtayed that nicht, and refreſchit him ſelff and his companie; and Ferniheaſt his brother in law ſent with him thrie-ſcoir horſſe vpone the morne at nicht, red to the houſe of the Row at Liddiſdeall, and theare tuik the twa men out of the houſe beſyde the toure, and thairefter ſtrouk vp the duris of the toure, and brocht the ironnis that prented the conyie, with all the inſtrumentis, togither with ane number of xxx ſ. peices to the King, quhilk wer counyied theare, and delyverit the ſame to his Majeſtie in the Abbay. The fals conyier wes gone in Ingland, and wes not to be had; to ſeik metle to counyie moir, as wes reported.

Vpone the tuelt day of September, prefixit to my lord Spyny to abyd affyſe for the treaſoun quhairof Crounar Steuart accuſit him, the maiter wes continowit, and nothing doune till the xiiij day, quhilk wes alſo continowit, and his Majeſtie promitted to have the witneſſe rady aganis the thrid of October. At this tyme a rayd wes proclamit to be at Jedburghe, the xxv of September, for taking of the border barronis reſetteris of Bothuell, to the quhilk ane great number of ſcherefdomes wes warnit. The ſaidis perſonis being chairged to compeir diſſobeyit, and paſt to the horne. The erle of Bothuell come to Haick, accumpanied with thrie or four hundreth brokin men of the Grahames of Aſk

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and vtheris, to meit the King of purpois command to Jedburghe: and the King wes ſtayed hearing heirof, becauſe they repared not ſa ſoone as they wer warnit to the King.

In the meanetyme Ferniehearſt come in to Dalkeathe to the King vpone his knees, and cravit pardoun. He gat ſick anſuer as he luikit not for; alwayis it wes deliberat that his lyfe and landis ſould be ſaife: quho come in thairefter, wes wardit in the caſtle of Edinburgh, and the proveſt and bailyeis of Jedburghe beyond Forthe.

Theirefter his Majeſtie lifted ane hoiſt of twa or thrie thovſand men, and come to Jedburghe, quhair his Majeſtie held court vpone the malefactouris and reſetteris of the erle Bothuell, quhair he cooſt doun certane of thair houſſes. The diuk at this tyme was maid keippar of Liddiſdeal, and proveſt of Jedburghe, and in November thairefter, ſundrie of the outlawis come in, and offerrit thame ſelffis in will.

Immediatlie heirefter the erle of Atholl paſt to Tarnoway, accumpanied with ſundrie of his freindis, viz. the lord Vchiltrie, Louit, M'Kuntoſche, and quhat they with many vtheris could mak, of intentioun to be reuendgit of the erle of Huntlie for the murthour of the erle of Murray: lykas M'Kunthoſche vpone Straboggie land ſlew a great number thairefter. The King, for pacefeing this purpois, ſent the erle of Angus as leiftennent to the northe, vpone the [xij] day of November 1592; and according to the Kingis directioun, caufit bathe the parteis ſubſcryve ane aſſurance, bot of theare awin forme. They wer baithe commandit away; the one pairtie to Dunkeld, the vther to Aberdein, to ſunder the pairteis. Bot immediatlie thairefter, theare wes ſlauchter maid be Allane M'Kildowie vpone M'Intoſche men and frendis, and great hearſchip.

Vpone the thrid day of December 1592, captane James Steuart was brocht in to the Kingis Majeſtie, be his cheife my lord Vchiltrie, quho wes at that tyme in great credit with the King, be reſſoune of ſundrie

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guid proufes of ſeruice his Majeſtie had of him fra tyme to tyme of befoir, and ſpeciallie aganis the erle Bothuell; and gat preſence of the Kingis Majeſtie and wes weill reſſavit, efter he had bein ſevin yeiris or therby from court, evir ſen the read of Sterling. Quhairat the miniſteris cryed out and fand falt, becauſe he had ſchewin him ſelfe hard to the miniſteris quhen he wes in court, and wes the perſever of the erle of Mortoun at the King and counſallis command, according to a warrand granted theranent, as lykwayis of the erle of Govreis dead. The ſaid lord Vchiltrie brocht him againe to the Kingis Majeſtie, quhom with he ſpak therefter, and then paſt to the weſt countrie with the ſaid lord Vchiltrie, quhair he had interteined him in his houſe therefter thrie yeiris, till the day of his deathe, quhilk wes the day of the yeir of God . Quho wes werie foully ſlayne be James Douglas of Torthoreall, of quhom he luikit for no herme: as it wes conſtantlie reportit, he wes ſtirred vp be ſum about the King, fearing his incomming, bot chieflie remembring that he wes perſever of the erle of Mortoun, quhilk he did at the Kingis command and counſalis. He wes ſlayne command to Vchiltrie from Haſelſyde: quhaire of the lord Vchiltrie, being in court with the King, informit his Majeſtie; the quhilk his hienes wes heichlie offendit at, and promiſit to had hand, and ſie that maiter repaired with all rigor, according to juſtice. Quhairvpone the lord Vchiltrie folowit furth that maiter befoir the iuſtice, and gat him to the horne for non compearance, and vſit all the meanis he could to have had the reuendge of that bloude.

About the beginning of Januar 1592, theare wes ane Mr George Ker, brother to the lord Nevbotle, apprehendit in Cumray ile, as ane traffickin papiſt; and letters of the Peapis and King of Spanyis gottin in ane ſark ſleive of ane marineris; and he and they brocht to Edinburgh. Theare wer alſo apprehendit with him certane wreytis and miſſives, direct from the erles of Angus, Huntlie, Erroll and ſundrie

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vtheris, with blank letters ſubſcryvit be thame, diſcovering theirin ane conſpiracie aganis relligioun, the King and thair natiue countrie.

The erle of Angus, comming accidently to Edinburgh, wes teane and apprehendit be the ſecreat counſall, and toun therof, and put in the caſtell in waird. The King hearing heirof come to Edinburgh in all heaſt from Sterling, quhair he ſend for ane great number of the nobilletie to tak ordour with this maiter.

And then ſir Dauid Grahame of Fentrie and Mr George Ker wes brocht from Sterling, to the tolbuithe of Edinburgh. It wes thocht meit, becauſe of Mr George Keris denyell, that he ſould be butted, and the juſtice clerk and Mr William Hairte, being boſted be his freindis, durſt not doe the ſame, vntill the tyme his Majeſtie taking the maiter hiechly, wold have the ſame donne. And efter the ſecund ſtreak he cryed for mercie, and confeſt all, and declaired that the blankis ſubſcryvit be the erles of Huntlie, Angus, Arroll, Auchindovne [and] ſir James Chiſholme, ſould bein caried to Spayne; and that ane Mr William Crichtoun of a Jeſuite ſould filled thame as he thocht guid to the King of Spayne. The commiſſioun wes that xxx^{m} men ſould land out of Spayne at the weſt ſeas, and be conuoyed to the noble men theare adherentis in at Carlelle, and ſua furthe to Ingland, and that fyve thovſand Spayneyeardis ſould be left in Scotland, quhilkis, with aſſiſtance of the nobilletie, ſould proclame libertie of conſcience. In reſpect of Mr Georges declaratioun of the treuthe, the King granted him his lyfe. The laird of Fentrie deponit the ſamyn, and therfoir wes execut.

About the firſt day of Februar 1592, the erle of Angus brak ward within the caſtle of Edinburgh, and paſt north over to the reſt of his adhearentis. Theare wes a read proclamit toward the northe immediatly heirefter. His Majeſtie tuik jorney be Sterling and Perthe, and wes in Aberdeen the xxij of the ſaid monethe. The rebelis wer not

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ſeine, bot fugitiue to Caitneſe. The haill countrie men wer called in; the blankis and vtheris ſchawin; and a declaratioun maid of his Majeſteis comming in theſe pairtes. Cautioun wes fund of the barronis for the Kingis peace, ryſing and concurring with him quhen he pleaſit, and for all obedience. And a generall band ſubſcryvit be the King, his nobilletie and barronis, for ſtrait perſuit of the erles and vther foloveris with all rigor. The erle of Atholl wes maid commiſſioner within the boundis of Elgin, Forres, Nairne, Nes, Cromartie and all beyond Spay; the erle of Merſchell from the north waiter to Spay.

At this tyme come in ane Ingliſche ambaſſadour namit the lord Barroche. The commiſſioun wes, that, ſeing the King of Spayne had teane vp banner aganis Ingland and Scotland for profeſſioun of the treuthe, it wald pleaſe his Majeſtie to denunce wear with him; nixt that theſe that wer of the lait conſpiracie mycht be folowit with all rigor; thridlie, that the league of amitie betuix the twa realmes mycht be reiterat.

To the quhilkis anſuer wes maid be ſir Robert Melvill of Murdocairnie knicht theſaurer deput: To the firſt, that no occaſioun of wear wes offerrit, be reaſone that the haill ſubiectis of this realme had frie paſſadge and tread within Spayne; and incaice he meanit to perſev Ingland be landing of his men heir, he wald give pledges that theare ſould be no ſkeath donne: calling to mynd that theare wer many fair offeris maid of befoir to the King at thair laſt ſtrait, bot never a vord keipit. It wes anſuerit to the ſecound, that his Majeſtie, being a frie prince, wald tak na directioun from the Queine of Ingland to vſe or not vſe his ſubiectis. And to the thrid, that theare wes no break and therfoir na reneving.

About the xj of Apryle 1593, the embaſſadour departed homeward. It wes then concludit that ſir Robert Melvill ſould be ſend embaſſadour, with a full reſoluing anſuer to Ingland.

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At this tyme the diuk and lord of Spynie wes aggreet, and he with his brother put in thair owin plaices. Vpone the xxviij of Apryle, the Kingis Majeſtie, alledging he wes to hunt, read quicklie out of Haddingtoun to Leidingtoun to the chanceller, dynit with him, and conferred long, quhairat the counſall wes agaſt.

Vpone the nynt of Junij 1593, ſir Robert Melvill wes ſent in Ingland, with ane full reſolutioun to the Queine, and for reſſaving the Kingis annuell he had yeirlie out of Ingland. The miniſtrie cryed alwayis out, and wer offendit at the ladie Huntlieis being in the Abbay, hir huſband being ane of the ſpeciall conſpiratouris: at laſt the Kingis Majeſtie movit heir with, and at the deſyre of Mr Bowes embaſſadour, pat hir away.

The parliament began vpone the xiiij day of Julij 1593. The diuk of Lennox buir the croun, the erle of Ergyle the ſceptour, and erle of Mortoun the ſuord. The lordis of the artickis electit. Vpone the xxj day of Julij, the King red againe to the tolbuithe. The erle of Atholl being in the toun wald not ryd, becauſe his Majeſtie wald not condiſcend to the erle of Huntleis forfaltour; nor yit the lord Hamiltoun, being their alſo. And his Majeſtie cauſed mak offeris to be gevin in in the erle of Huntleis name and the conſpiratouris, for ſatiſfactioun of his Majeſtie and the kirk. This parliament wes litle thocht of, becauſe the erles wer not forfalted; it wes maid a current parliament, and continowit to November nixt. In the meanetyme ane great number of perſonis wer ſlayne in Sanquhaire, and theare bloudie ſarkis brocht to the King.

Vpone the xxiiij day of Julij 1593, the erle Bothuell and Mr John Coluill, quho had bein thrie yeiris baniſcht, come in, accompanied with the erle of Atholl, the lord Forbes, the lord Vchiltrie (quho joynit with thame for reuendge, and vpone promeis to aſſiſt the reuendge of the erle of Murrayis ſlauchter) to the number of twa or thrie hundreth

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men, to the abbay of Halyroudhouſe; quhaire it wes reported that the ſaid erle and Mr John war brocht in be the lady Atholl, at the back yet of the ſaid abbay, betuix aucht and nine houris in the morning; and at the Kingis ryſing, entered in his chalmer, quhaire his Majeſtie being putting on his clothes, the ſaid erle and Mr John fell doun on thaire knees, and geve theare ſuordis vpone the grund, craving mercie and pardoun moiſt humblie, quhilk his Majeſtie yeildit to. There wes vpone this practize the diuk of Lennox, the erle of Atholl, the lordis Vchiltrie, Forbes and Spynie, with ſundrie vtheris bandit to the ſamyn purpois with the erle Bothuell. Theare wes ane great tumult in Edinburgh for this. They come all doun in armis, and cryed to vnderſtand the Kingis mynd, quho cryed out, and ſayd that he wes not captiue, bot weill, incaice that quhilk wes promiſit be thame ſould be keiped; and commandit thame all to the Abbay kirk yeard, to ſtay theare quhill he cald for thame; and immediatly thairefter ſent for the proveſt and bailyeis, and commandit thame to diſſolue and goe homeward; he hovpit all ſould be weill.

Schortlie heirefter the erle of Mar, maiſter of Glamis, priour of Blantyre, with ſundrie vtheris, reteired thame ſelfes as malecontentis of the toun. It wes thocht meit that Bothuell ſould reteir him of the toun, quhill he wer tryed of the cryme of witchcraft layd to his charge; and the tent of Auguſt ſet for that effect. The King red immediatlie thairefter to Falkland, accumpained with the diuk, the lord Vchiltrie and Spynie, and returnit to Edinburgh to the tent day of Auguſt appoynted as ſaid is. At quhilk day the erle of Bothuell wes put to the knavledge of ane aſſyſe, and purged be thame all in ane voce. Immediatlie heirefter the King being bound to Falkland wes ſtayed be the lordis, quhill it wes agreet that his Majeſtie ſould pas as a frie prince quhaire he pleſit, and that the erle of Bothuell nor none of his confederatis ſould come neir him without his licence; and ſicklyk that the chanceller, the erle of

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Mar and thair confederatis ſould not repair to court, quhill the parliament appoynted the tent day of November. So as his Majeſtie depairted weill content, promitting be his oathe and handwreyt to reſtoir the erle of Bothuell to his landis, and all his confederatis.

Word come that the King of France wes turnit papiſt, and then crounit at Pareiſe.

Theirefter at a conuentioun appoynted at Sterling, it wes concludit and aggreet be the King and nobilletie, that ſeing his Majeſtie wes not ſufficientlie pleaſed to his honour, anent the erle of Bothuell for his double treaſonis, theirfoir he and his foloveris ſould come in theare preſence of new agayne, and crave pardoun on theare kneis, quhilk ſould be granted, and thairefter that he ſould reteir him ſelfe from court, to the tyme that the parliament ſould hald, at quhilk tyme he and his ſould be reſtoired; and then that he ſould goe of the countrie, and remaine during his Majeſties pleaſeour. Quhairat the erle of Mar, my lord Home, ſir George Home, maiſter of Glamis, the pryour of Blantyre and vtheris being glad, returnit to court, and war weill acceptit of. Sir Robert Meluill and Mr Robert Bruce wer ſent to the erle Bothuell to ſignefie the concluſioun aſoir ſaid; quho attending theare comming at Linlithgow acceptit werie gladlie heirof, and promitted to performe the ſame to his Majeſteis pleſeour. And this being declaired to the King be the aſoirſaidis commiſſioneris, his Majeſtie wes weill contented thairwith. Schortlie theirefter proclamatioun is maid that Bothuell ſould not come neir the court, within ten myles, etc. And the ſtate ſtoode ſa at this tyme, that it wes feared that the papiſt lordis ſould be reſſavit in fauour againe: and on the vther ſyde, all the miniſtry fauored the erle Bothuell, thinking him moiſt meit to be a chiftaine for the profeſſouris, incaice they fand occaſioun to come aganis the papiſtes.

The King remaining at Linlithgow to the day of October, in

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come the chanceller and young Ceſſurd with twa or thrie hundrethe horſſe to the King, and wer welcome. The gairde of fiftie horſſe wer committed to my lord Home, quho wes aggreet with young Ceſſuird, and the chanceller with the maiſter of Glamis.

His Majeſtie being forſeine at this tyme of a conuentioun and conuocatioun to have bein maid be the erle of Atholl at the caſtell of Doun, reaſe, accumpanied with ſundrie erles and lordis, and firſt ſend chairges, nixt folowit himſelff, for ſtaying of this purpois, and wes of mynd to have the erle of Atholl ſlayne. He wes accompained with the erles of Montroiſe and Govrie: bot he vpone intelligence had afoir paſt away and eſcapit; the erles of Montrois and Govrie abed his Majeſtie coming to Doune, and wer hardlie perſevit be the Kingis companie, and in perrell to haue beine ſlayne, had not the lord Hammilton ſtayed the maiter, and that the gaird had not chance to forgather with thame, haſing gone ane vther way to Dovne. The erle of Montrois come in himſelfe, efter the lord Hammiltoun had ſayd to the King that the noblemen had not offendit, bot wer anſuerable. The ſaid erle vttered hard termes to his Majeſtie, in that he wes ſo perſevit, and ſa vſed. Sua his Majeſtie returnit to Linlithgow.

All this tyme the papiſt lordis wer lyand about the court, within thrie or four myles, and had daylie purpoiſſe with the courtiouris. Chanceller Maitland depairted to Teuiotdeall, with proclamationis to reaſe all the countrie aganis my lord Bothuell. A conuentioun wes appoynted to be at Perthe, quhair the erles of Huntlie, Angus and Errol wes ordeanit to be tryed, quhair they had ane aſſyſe of theare awin choſing.

A new proclamatioun that all betuix ſextie and ſexteine within all the ſouthe ſchyres ſould ryſe, and meit his Majeſtie in going to the bordouris, aganis the xij of October. And his Majeſtie paſſand forduard that day, the erles conſpiratouris come all and met his Majeſtie at Fallow

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kirk, a litle on this ſyde of Soutray hill, and falling on thaire knees craved pardoun; his Majeſtie ſeemed not to ken thame till the day appoynted, and that the miniſtrie war pleaſed; quhairvpone they depairted back againe. His Majeſtie ſent the lord Lundoris and maiſter of Glamis to tell the miniſtrie of theare comming in maner foirſaid, and of his anſuer; quhairof the miniſtrie miſlyked, and bad his Majeſtie be doand, quhilk Lendoris reported to the King. The effect of this read wes to appoynt ane proveſt of Jedburgh, and keipper of Liddiſdeall, and to call in Ferniheaſt, Hunthill and vtheris the erle of Bothuellis fauorouris, vnder ſick heiche paines, etc.

Theare wes ane aſſemblie of the miniſtrie at Edinburgh, quhair the barronis conuenit with thame vpone the xvij day. The commiſſioneris of the kirk, barrounis and burgeſſes, being conuenit in the Litle kirk of Edinburgh, and forſeand the preſent denger, quhairinto the kirk within the realme, the Kingis perſoun, his eſtait and haill commoun weill ſtood into, ſend the perſonis folowing in commiſſioun to his Majeſtie, viz. the laerdis of Calderwood and young Merchiſtoun for the barronis, the commiſſioneris of Edinburgh, Dundie and Perthe, Mr Patrik Galloway and Mr James Melving miniſteris, with artickelis folowing: To deſyre that the tryell of the lordis conſpiratouris ſould not be heaſtie, bot delayit to ſick tyme that all the profeſſouris of the goſpell wer rypelie advyſit quhat wes meiteſt in that maiter, they being thair pairtie and accuſoris: Item, it is cravit that thir appoſtat conſpiratouris, being accuſit of the heicheſt treaſoun committed, may be put in ſum ſuir waird, till ordour be teane with all the papiſtis quhairof they are the head, and till the eſtaitis advyſe forder quhat maner of tryell ſalbe vſit aganis thame. Item, it is deſired that the eſtaites being advyſit as ſaid is, the pairtie accuſeris have the electioun of thaire aſſyſe, and not thame ſelfes as is pretendit. Item, it is cravit, that ſeing they ar excommunicat, that they be not admitted to have perſone in judgement, nor benefit of

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the law, quhill they be joynit vnto Chryſt, according to the lawis of the countrie and his Majeſteis awin promeis. Item, gif his Majeſtie will not alter the day, (as they doubt not bot he will) then they crave that, as his Majeſtie profeſſes relligioun with thame, and the ſaidis conſpiratouris the contrair, they that be profeſſouris of relligioun may be his Majeſteis gaird, and that they be admitted in the moiſt fenſible and wearlyk maner to be about his Majeſtie, to defend his perſone from theare violence, and to accuſe thame to the vttermoiſt; quhilk they ar myndit to doe, and it ſould be with the loiſe of all thaire lyfes on ane day, for certanely they ar determinat that the countrey ſall not bruik thame bathe, ſa lang as they ar Godis profeſt enemeis. The King tuik this in werie euill pairt at the beginning, ſayand he wald not acknavledge ſick commiſſioneris, that had conuenit thame ſelfes beſyd his priuetie or commiſſioun. Alwayis he ſayd he ſould continew that dyet, bot wald not let thame ken to quhat tyme or plaice. Yit ſenſyne his Majeſtie reſoluit to hald that tryell at Linlithgow, vpone the xxix day of October inſtant, and hes of new wreyttin to the nobilletie and eſtaites for that effect.

At this conuentioun haldin at Linlithgow, the ordouring of maiteris, and ſatling of the eſtaite to the ſuirtie of relligioun and his Majeſteis perſone, with the tranquilletie of the eſtait, in reſpect theare conuenit not ſick a number of noble men and vtheris as wer wreyttin for, wes remitted to ſex of evrie eſtaite with ſex miniſteris, quhilkis ſould confer, and give in ſick headis and artickelis as they wold be at, and then to meit at Edinburgh vpone the xij of November 1593. Quhairvpone commiſſioun wes granted to thame be act of counſall, to tak tryell in that maiter anent the erle of Huntlie, Angus and Erroll, withe the vther haill thingis in diſordour and confuſioun within the realme, quhilk is declaired to be als walid and effectual as ane aſſyſe or court of parliament.

About this tyme ane great truble fell out betuix the lord Maxvell and the laird of Johnſtoun.

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Proclamationis wes maid that the perſonis reſetting the ſaidis erles in thair houſſe ſould incur no cryme; and this wes to the effect they micht remaine neir Edinburgh, quhair the commiſſioneris and eſtaites mycht the better intercommoun with thame. At this xij of November, the noblemen wreyttin for come not, and ſua the eſtaitis that come chouſit out certane, as it wer twa of evrie eſtaite with ſum of the offeſaris of eſtait, to wiſie ſick headis as wer to be reſſonit on, and to repoirt the ſamyn to the haill number foirſaid, quhilk ſould conueine againe vpone the xix of November; lykas they wer wreyttin for againe to that effect. Vpone the ſaid xix day, the ſamyn eſtaitis convenit again as for the laſt tyme and dyet, quhilkis war thir choſin be reſſoun na vtheris wold come; to wit, the diuk of Lennox, erle of Mar, the chanceller and lord Leivingſtoun for that eſtait; the lairdis of Baſe, Baleary, Abbitſhall, Tullibardin and Airthe for the barronis; the commiſſioneris of Edinburgh, Dundie, Sterling, Linlithgow and Couper in Fyſe. Twa or thrie of the miniſtrie wer alſo preſent, quhilkis wald nather reſſone nor woit in theſe thingis proponit, bot onlie cravit ane anſuer to ſick thingis as they had givin in in artickles.

The King thocht it meit for the quyetnes of the eſtaite, that ane act of abolitioun ſould be granted to the thrie erles, Achindovn, and ſir James Chiſholme, for all thingis attemptit aganis relligioun, ſpeciallie the ſubſcryving of the blankis afoir ſpecifeit, and vtheris thingis contenit in the ſummondis of forfaltour intentit aganis thame of befoir; quhilk act of abolitioun wes deſyrit to be granted with ſum conditionis, that is to ſay, that they ſould firſt ſatiſfie the kirk and miniſtrie, betuix and the firſt day of Februar nixt, and that they ſould be ſummond thairto afoir thair ordinar preſbitreis or ſinodall aſſembleis, aganis ſum day within that tyme, to give the confeſſioun of thair faithe, ſubſcryve the artikelis of relligioun, and folow the diſciplin of the kirk in all thingis; and gif they refuſit, to be expellit the countrey, and not to inioy the benefit of

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the ſaid act. Sum vther particular iniunctionis wer givin, and cautioun ordeanit to be fund vnder great ſoumes, for obſeruing of the ſame. Lykas alſo, gif they attemptit any thing againe aganis relligioun or the eſtait of the countrey, of theare awin confeſſioun and conſent ſould [be] demeinit as traitouris without forder proces. This wes thocht meit be the ſaidis eſtaitis, choſen and ordeanit to be ſend to the ſaidis erles, to vnderſtand gif they wold accept of this concluſioun or not. The miniſterie preſent proteſtit aganis the ſaid act of abolitioun, and diſſaſſentit fra the ſamyn; lykas they cryed out aganis the ſaid act, with all that wes donne at this conuentioun.

At this tyme the erle Bothuell wes ordinit to be denuncit to the horne, for non compearance befoir the King and counſall; and yit the horning wes ſtayed, and he in the meanetyme chairged to depairt out of Scotland, Ingland and Irland, within xv dayis, and thairefter to mak ſuit for ony thing he would be at.

Vpone the laſt day of November, theare wes a great ſearfing maid of the erle Bothuell within Edinburgh, and ſum of his ſauoureris teane and wardit, to wit Mr John Ruſſell aduocat, and Robert Steuart ſcherefclerk; they wer firſt wardit within the toun, and then tranſported to the caſtell. Theare ſalt wes the reſet of Mr John Colvill and the erle Bothuell; bot the ſpeciall thing they chellengit Mr John Ruſſell for wes the lybelling of the ſummondis of reductioun to the erle Bothuell of his forfaltour. Thir twa wes fred within twa or thrie or four dayis thairefter, for the quhilk the ſaid Mr Johne payed tuelff hundrethe pundis, and the vther vj^{c} pundis to the interteinment of the Kingis gaird, to the great miſlyking of many.

Vpone the ſext day of December 1593, the lord Maxvell warden of the weſt marches, hafing conuenit twa thovſand men or thairby in armes, quhilkis war lyand in Annandeall beſyd Lokarbie, of intentioun to have aſſedgit the laird of Johnſtonis houſe of the Lochwood, and to

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have rooted out him and the memorie of his name in theſe boundis, according to the Kingis commiſſioun granted vnto him for that effect; for the Kingis Majeſtie buir ane euill will toward the laird of Johnſtoun, for that he fauored the erle Bothuell, and aſſiſted him with ſum of his men at the read of Falkland, and als becauſe he brack waird out of the caſtell of Edinburgh. Lykwayis theare wes a band paſt betuix the ſaid lord Maxvell and the laird of Drumlenrick, Cloſburne and vtheris, the ſaid laird of Johnſtonis deadlie enemeis. It fell out ſua that Johnſtoun in the meanetyme, preſenting himſelff withe fourtie horſemen in companie, in the ſicht of the lord Maxvell and his great hoaſt, ſum ſkurrouris of the lord Maxvellis to the number iiij ^{xx} wer ſend out to perſev him and his number, quha taking the cheaſe, had ane ambuſchment of men, to the number of iij or iiij ^{c}, lyand darnit in a wood; beſyd of the quhilk number, theare wes a great pairt of the lord Balcleuches frindis quha brak, and layd the cheaſe againe vpone the lord Maxvelis ſcurriouris, and folowit thame directly and miſt hardlie, quhill they come on the great oaſt, quho ſeing theare men cheaſſit, tuik affray and fled altogither. And ſua the lord Maxvell, being in ſlicht lykwayis with ſum few of his frindis that bead with him, being vnarmit as thocht he regairded not his enemie, the laird of Johnſtoun and ſum of his owin name come to him, and the laird of Johnſtoun as wes repoirted geve him the firſt ſtrek him ſelfe; and ſua the lord Maxvell efter he fell from his horſe wes creuelly ſlayne, with ſundrie vtheris of his ſpeciall kyn and freindis; ſua ſum wer alſo drounit, and ſum war teane and ſlayne in the cheaſe. The laird of Drumlenrick and Cloſburne, Bovrge, Hempſfeild and ſundrie vtheris barronis of Nidſdeall, being in the lord Maxvelis companie, eſchapit werie hardlie with thaire lyfes. This wes eſteimit ane ſtrenge and vnkouthe thing, that in ſick a conflict quhaire thair wes ij ^{m} men, that four hundrethe ſould put thame to flicht.

Vpone the xj day of December 1593, the ſaid erle Bothuell, the

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laird of Spot and Mr John Colwill wer denuncit to the horne, for non compearance afoir his Majeſtie and counſall, to have anſuerit vpone maiſt heiche treaſoun. Vpone the ſame day it fortunit ſir Robert Ker younger of Seſſuird, accompained onlie with one of his awin ſeruandis called Rutherfurd, to pas out of Edinburgh homeward to his wyfe quyetlie, quhilkis, in the way of plaine accident, forgathered with the erle Bothuell and ane Gibſoun with him, beſyd Humbie on this ſyde of Soutray hill; quheare meiting twa for twa, they focht allong tyme on horſback, quhair the laird of Seſſuirdis man wes hurt in the cheick, and at lenthe beathe the parteis ſo weiried with long fechting, quhill they aſſentit baithe to let vtheris depairt and ryd away for that tyme. Ceſſuird come back to Edinburgh, and tald the Kingis Majeſtie of that accident.

At this tyme letters wer ſent out, for chairging ſick perſonis as accompained the erle Bothuell at his laſt incomming to the Abbay, to compear befoir his Majeſtie and counſell at a certane day. Lykas the erle Bothuellis aſſiſteris and fauoraris wer concludit to be put at with all extreamitie, and his houſe of Crichtoun and Ferniheaſt ordeanit to be raſit and caſtin doun. The ſame xj day of December, theare come in ane Ingliſcheman namit ſir Robert Karie, ſone to the lord Huniſdeane, quho had no commiſſioun bot come to pas his tyme.

At this tyme the nobilletie and eſtaites wer wreyttin for to a conuentioun, for ordour taking anent the baptiſme of the prince or princes, and the Queinis Majeſteis lyand in cheildbedlear; quhilkis nobilletie and eſtaitis ſould be heir the xj day of Januar nixt to that effect. Immediatlie heirefter it wes concludit that hir Majeſtie ſould ly in Sterling caſtell, quhairinto ſcho ſould repair vpone the xxvij day of December inſtant. Sua vpone the xxvij day of December 1593, the King and Quenis Majeſteis baithe tuik jorney vnto Sterling, and wer the firſt nicht in Linlithgow be the way; and at thair comming to Sterling

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ludgit in the erle of Ergyles houſe theare, and fra that in the lady Maris ludging, quhill the caſtell wes prepaired, quhilk wes than in doing.

Vpone the vij day of Januar 1593, the King paſt from Sterling to Tullibardin, quhair he remanit a nicht and come back to Sterling. Vpone the xxviij day of the ſame monethe, theare come in ane embaſſadour called my lord Suitche, quha gat preſence of the King in Edinburgh vpone Sonday the xiij day of Januar 1593; his commiſſioun wes anent the perſuit of the papiſt lordis.

The nynt of Januar, the King come out of Sterling to the conuentioun, and vpone the morne come to Edinburgh, being the x day. Theare come werie few of the nobilletie or eſtaites to that conuentioun. The names of thame that war preſent folowis; to wit, the diuk of Lennox, my lord Hammiltoun, the erle of Mar, the lord Lyndſay, Leivingſtoun, Settoun and Forbes, with a few number of barronis, and ſum of the burrovis. It wes concludit at this conuentioun, that in reſpect the papiſt lordis had refuſit to embrace the act of abolitioun, and keipit not the dyetis appoynted for ſatiſfactioun of the kirk, and depairting of the country, that the ſaid act of abolitioun ſould be null and declaired ineffectuall, and that ane parliament ſould be proclamit to the xxij day of Apryle nixt, and they ſummond to abyde tryell of theare conſpiraceis, and gif they failyeid in compearance to be forfalted. In the meanetyme his Majeſtie ellectit ane counſell of the nobilletie preſent, to quhais judgement and deliberatioun he promittit to ſtand in all his actionis, laying vpone thame the ordouring and manadging of all his effaires, and the quyeting of all the diſordoured eſtait: quho geve ordour in Edinburgh, ſittand in counſall dayly, that the ſaidis papiſt erles ſould be chairged to ward in his Majeſteis caſtelis within ten dayis, vnder the paine of treaſoun. The ſame lordis wer chairged accordinglie as folowes, viz. the erle of Huntlie in the caſtell of St Androis, the erle of Angus in the caſtell of Edinburgh, and the erle of Arroll in the caſtell of Glaſ-

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gow, within ten dayis, vnder the paine of treaſoun, as the letters buir. Quhilk chairge they diſſobeyit, and ſua declaired to have incurrit the paine of treaſoun, according to the certificatioun of the letters. The Ingliſche embaſſadour vpone the directioun of the ſaid chairge paſt to Sterling, quhair he remanit xij or xiij dayis, to ſie quhat folowit vpone the ſaidis charges, and quhat his Majeſtie did for the perſecutioun of the ſaidis papiſt lordis.

Vpone the nyntein day of Februar, betuix twa and thrie houris in the morning, the Queinis Majeſtie wes delyverit of a young prince, within the caſtell of Sterling in his Majeſteis chalmer theare; quhilk wes a great comfort and maiter of joy to the haill pepill, and movit thame to great triumphe, wantonnes and play, for beanefyres wer ſet out, and dancing and playing vſit in all pairtes, as gif the pepill had bein daft for mirthe.

At this tyme the lord Vchiltrie read to the Lochwood, and efter conference with Johnſtoun theare, quho had ſuorne and promiſt to him to concur as ane of the freindis in the reuendg of the ſlauchter of the erle of Murray, they baithe read forduard that nicht to the Benſchaw, quheare the erle Bothuell and laird of Spot met thame vpone the morne. And theare they all ſubſcryvit ane band, to go forduard in the perſuit of Huntley for the ſaid ſlauchter, and ſuear to go forduard to the reuendge of the ſame, at all occaſionis and with all diligence. Lykas it wes promiſit and appoynted amangis thame and theare haill freindis to that effect, that they ſould meit in Dalkeath, ſecund of Apryle 1594 folowing, and go over to Perthe [to] the reſt of thair frendis; ſick as the erle of Atholl, the erle of Montrois, with theare haill freindſchipis, ſould meit and go forduard vpone Huntlie.

The lord Suitche embaſſadour could not be content with his anſuer that he reſſavit at Sterling, bot returning to Edinburgh remanit theare ane guid ſpaice thairefter, evir renewing his propoſitionis, and ſeikand

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forder anſuer, quhill at laſt ſum headis wer givin him in wreyt, to be ſend to the Queine his ſouerane, to be advyſit with and anſuerit; quhairvpone he depairted notwithſtanding malcontent, vpone the vj of Apryle airlie in the morning.

Vpone the penult day of Merche, the Kingis Majeſtie come out of Sterling to Edinburgh, vpone ane informatioun ſent to his Majeſtie be chanceller Maitland and ſum of the erle Bothuellis vnfreindis, that buir that Bothuellis intentioun wes comming with a force towards Edinburgh; quhairvpone his Majeſtie came thither, and ludgit within the toun in Robert Govrlayis ludging. In this meanetyme the King being informit that Bothuell, my lord Vchiltrie, and the laird of Johnſtoun and theare haill freindis war to meit at Dalkeathe the ſecund of Apryle, according to ane band ſet doun at the Lochwood, cauſit trauell with Johnſtoun to draw him fra that ſocietie and purpois; aud ſua granted him a remiſſioun for the ſlauchter of the lord Maxvell, to leave of that courſe. Quhairvpone the laird of Johnſtoun read back to Annerdeall with his haill freindis, and met not the erle Bothuell and lord Vchiltrie at Dalkeathe, according to his band and promeis.

Vpone the firſt day of Apryle 1594 at nicht, the erle of Bothuell come out of Ingland, accompained with iiij^{c} horſemen weill armit, to the toun of Kelſo, out of the quhilk the lord Home, Balcleuche and Ceſſuird had immediatlie befoir depairted with a force of ane thovſand men, quhilkis they had conuenit at his Majeſteis command, for perſuit of the ſaid erle Bothuell, and quhilkis they had ſeparat for that nicht, ſeing they ſaw na appearance of Bothuell comming theare. About thrie houris vpone the morne in the morning the ſecund day of Apryle, as it had beine reported for ſuirtie afoir, the ſaid erle of Bothuell come at nyne houris out of Kelſo, and lichted in Dalkeithe about fyve houris at ewin, quheare the lord Vchiltrie met him theare, with tuelff ſcoir tryed men on horſback, all with hagbutis, piſtoletis, jakis and ſteil bonnetis

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in guid accippedge. They refreſcht thame ſelfes and thair company in Dalkeithe thrie or four houris, and then paſt vnder nicht to Leithe, ſtayed theare with theare companie till about ten houris in the morning, ever expecting for boites to tranſport thame over the waiter; bot that wes ſtayed be a command that wes givin to ſtay all boytes on the yonder ſyde, and tak theare ſailes and rutheris from thame, quhilk wes donne that theare could na boit mak ſayle, nather at Kingorne nor the Queinis ferrie. Quhairof they being informit that wes in Leithe reſoluit to have gone back, and awated ſum vther occaſionis for that purpois, or elis to have gone ſum vther way over the water. [They] pat thame ſelfes in ordour in four troupes, vpone the green on the ſouthe ſyde of Leithe forganis the wind mylne, quhilk wes about ten houris afoir noune quhen they come furthe or thairby; befoir quhilk tyme his Majeſtie had cauſit bring ſum peices out of the caſtell, and planted thame abone the Lipperhouſe, quhair the heall toun of Edinburgh wer comming out with theare handſenyeis in all dilligence. The lord Bothuell, quhois companie wes appoynted theare thair ſteall, and the lord Vchiltrie and his companie the wan gaird, went theare way in ordour and guid rank throw Leſterrick, bot with ane litle paiſe into Diddiſtoun, purpoiſlie to draw the lord Home and his companie from his Majeſtie, the toun of Edinburgh and haill futmen: and to that effect went forduard werie ſlauelie, quhill they come to the hill beyond Nithrie called Edmeſtoun eadge, on the eaſt pairte thairof, and ſtayed at the back of the hill. The gaird and the lord Homes company, thinking that they wer gone away, folowit moir raſhlie nor wyſelie. The lord Vchiltrie and his companie, rancountering thame with ane vther companie of Liddeſdeall men that folowit efter him, givand thame the chairge, put the gaird and lord Homes companie all to flicht, tuik xxx or xl of thame, and hurt ſome; and ſua depairted without forder perſuit, and immediatlie ſend back the priſſoneris againe. The lord Homes companie racknit viij [c]

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men or therby, togither with the gaird, being fiftie tryed men, the laird of Weymis, Carmichell, James Gray, Richard Preſtoun, my lord Halyroudhouſe with ſundrie and dyverſe gentlemen of court, to the number of iiij ˣˣ perſonis or therby. The lord Bothuell efter the chairge wes given comming forduard, his horſe fell and ſtrouk his choulder blead out of lithe; ſua his companie that wer iij ᶜ and ſum mea ſtayed all with him quhill all wes donne. And they, lord Vchiltrie and his company comming back, met the erle Bothuell at the toun of Nithrie; efter they had called for all theare men, and ſeine that nane wes miſſing, they went forduard to Dalkeathe, quhaire they remanit a pairt of that nicht, theare refreſcht thame ſelfes and theare horſſes, and fra that paſt the hie way to Kelſo. The greateſt pairte of the companie went thither; bot the erle of Bothuell and the lord Vchiltrie, be reſſoun of the paine of his choulder, ſtayed that nicht at Langhermeſtounes houſe beyond Sovtray. And vpone the morne airlie went to Kelſo, quhaire they remainit ane vther nicht, and ſeparat thame ſelfes and paſt to Ingland.

Efter this his Majeſtie remanit ſum dayis in Edinburgh, in diſpeſche of the lord Suitche the Ingliſche embaſſadour, quho, notwithſtanding of all the fair offeris maid be his Majeſtie to perſev the papiſt lordis, depairted male content. Alwayis he reſſavit his Majeſties anſuer, in ſum headis and artickelis to be ſein be the Queine. Quhilkis in effect wer, that his Majeſtie mycht have hir concurrence and ſupport of money, to the fortherance of that actioun of perſuite of the papiſt lordis be way of deid; and that for eſchewing of Bothuelis perſuit in theſe pairtis quhair his Majeſtie wes not, in the vther actioun for the hendering therof, Boduell mycht be delyverit ather in his Majeſteis handis according to the treateiſe, or vther wayis put out of the Quenis dominionis, or reſtrainit fra trubling of his Majeſteis guid ſubiectis, and hendering of his Majeſteis intentioun to perſev the ſaidis papiſt lordis.

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Heirvpon proclamatioun wes maid, commanding all his Majeſteis ſubiectis beyond Forthe to meit him in Dundie vpone the xxix day of Apryle inſtant.

Immediatlie efter the depairtour of the Ingliſche embaſſadour, his Majeſtie diſpeſcht Eſter Weymis and Mr Eduard Bruce in embaſſadge tovardis Ingland and France, to inuite the Queine of Ingland and King of France to the baptiſme of the Prince, and to aſſure the Queine of his Majeſteis perſeuerence in foloving furthe the headis ſent be my lord Suitche; as alſo to deall with hir Majeſtie in ſum vther effairis concerning the weill of baithe the eſtaites. Mr Eduard Bruce wes appoynted to return with hir Majeſteis anſuer, and the vther to pas to France.

His Majeſtie come from Sterling to Edinburgh, quhair he appoynted preparatioun for the northland read, to be concludit in ane conuentioun than to folow and hald theare.

At this tyme word wes of Bothuelis incomming out of Ingland with greatter force then afoir. The eſtaitis conveinand with his Majeſtie in the Nether tolbuithe, thocht it meit with advyſe of ſum of the miniſtrie theare preſent, that firſt his Majeſtie ſould have ane parliament for proceiding to the forfaltour of the papiſt lordis, then that they ſould be perſevit be way of deid; and ſua the read ſtayed. The erle of Atholl and lord Forbes wer chargit to compeir befoir the King and counſall that day, for trafficking with Bothuell, bot they compearit nocht, and ſua wer denuncit to the horne for not compearance.

In the beginning of Maij, embaſſadouris war ſent out of Scotland to Denmerk, Almanyie, the Law countreis; that is to ſay, Mr Peter Young to Denmerk, [and to] the diukis of Bruinſwick and Mikleburghe, and ſir William Keath with Mr William Murray to the Law countreis, to invite thame to the baptiſme. The chappel royall of Sterling wes teane doun, and ordourit of new againe, with ſundrie vtheris houſſis for

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the baptiſme. The parliament haldin; the erles of Huntlie, Angus and Errol wer forfalted; M'Kleann, M'Conniell, Donald Gorme and ſundrie vtheris alſo forfalted. The xv day of Auguſt wes appoynted for the baptiſme, to the quhilk all the nobilletie, barronis and gentlemen wer invited to be preſent.

About the tent or xij of Julij, Mr James Gordoun father brother to the erle of Huntlie, a jeſuite, arryvit at Aberdeen, or within thrie myles therto, with ſum vther jeſuites and papiſtis with him; he him ſelff with twa or thrie ſtart out of the ſchip in the nicht, with theare packettis and vtheris thingis they brocht with thame. Vpone the morne therefter the toun of Aberdeen apprehendit in that ſchip twa Ingliſchmen, with ane that called him ſelfe a Fleemyng, quhom they ſupponit to bein a Spaynyeard, and tuik thame and pat thame in waird. The erles of Angus and Erroll hearing of this, come accompained with ſevin or viij^{xx} horſſes, and craued the delyverie of theſe men committed in waird, or elis awowit to burne the toun. Quhilk they refuſit, bot the erle of Huntlie command with a greatter force nor the toun could withſtand, they wer forcit to delyver thame to him within a day or twa therefter. Quhilk command to the Kingis knavledge, it wes thocht beſt that he ſould pas in perſone him ſelffe with his ſubiectis forduard againſt the erles againe, the xxvj of Auguſt nixt; and in the meane tyme geve commiſſioun to the erles of Ergyle, Atholl, Forbes and vtheris to pas vpone thame, and hald thame doand with fyre and ſuord to his theare comming.

The baptiſme continovit to the firſt day of September, and the bancket beguid than that ſamyn day; bot becauſe the Ingliſche embaſſadour wes not come in to the feird day at ewin, the ſolemne day wes continowit to the vj day, being ane Fryday. Quhilk day all thingis being maid radie, the Prince wes caried from his chalmer to the Chappell royall be the erle of Suffox and Mr Bowis, embaſſadouris

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for the Queine of Ingland. The ſermoun maid be Mr Patrik Galloway, quhilk being finiſchit, the baptiſme wes maid be Mr Dauid Cunynghame biſchop of Aberdeen, quho efter the actioun maid ane oratioun in latine. The embaſſadouris of Denmerk and Almanyie tuik leiff from his Majeſtie, being propynit with goldin chenyeis, imbarkit at Leithe four or fyve dayis efterhend; and the Flemiſche and Ingliſche in lyk manner. The ritcheſt propyne wes reſſavit fra the Flemingis, wes worthe xij ^{m} and iiij ^{c} lib. togither with v ^{m} leiveris yeirlie to the prence. The Ingliſche embaſſadouris propyne wes a cupboord ritchly wrocht.

About the xv of September 1594, ſure word come to his Majeſtie that Bothuell wes joynit with the papiſt lordis Huntlie, Angus and Erroll, quho levyed ſum wadgit men for proſecutioun of thair wicket courſes. His Majeſtie then reſolued to hald the read forduard, lifted j ^{m} men of wear be help of his Majeſteis burrowis, and be ſum ſiluer advancit to his Majeſtie vpone pledges. The haill cuntrey being vnder the proclamatioun, ſum wer licenciat to byd at home be reſſoun of thair compoſitionis beſtowit vpone payment of the ſuddardis, quhairof thaire wes iiij ^{c} horſmen and vj ^{c} futemen. The erle of Ergyle his Majeſteis leiftennent with his force, being ſex or ſevin thovſand men, command forduard tuik jorney to the northe vpone the xxvij of September 1594, paſt in throw Badenioche, aſſedgit the erle of Huntleyis houſe of Ruthuen theare. My lord Forbes conuenit alſo his number of xj ^{c} men, awaiting vpone the erle of Ergyles incomming; and at this tyme the erle of Huntlie and Erroll with theare force convenit at Elgyn, to the number of xv or xvj ^{c} men.

In the meane tyme certane is teane for intercomoning with Bothuell, as namelie James Cochran, Mr Allane Orme, Willie Allane in Leithe and ane John Gibſoun, all execute; John Bartane, his wyfe, young Anſtrether, his wyfe apprehendit and wardit.

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The King vpone the ferd of October paſt with his forces forduard to Sterling, myndit to go forduard according to the proclamatioun. Vpone the ſame day being the feird of October, the erle of Ergyle his force and Huntlie and Errolis met at ane hill ſyd called Glenleivat, a little beyonde the plaice of Auchindoun, Ergyle the leiftennentis force being vij or viij^{c} men, and Huntlie and Errollis being xv or xiiij^{c} men. The chairge wes firſt givin be v^{c} horſe of Huntleis company, and thairefter backet be him ſelffe and the reſt of his armie, quhilk wes rancountered be the leiftennentis wangaird. And in that conflict iij^{c} or iiij^{c} horſe wer ſlayne to Huntleis companie, beſyd xx or xxiiij of his kyn and name, namelie Achindoun, etc. The erle of Erroll ſchot in the leg with ane arrow, and evill hurt vtherwayis, and ane great number of his companie. Ergyles companie tuik the flicht notwithſtanding, and theare wes iiij^{c} or therby ſlayne, ſpeciallie Lochinyell and his brother.

The Kingis Majeſtie come to Aberdein with his armie about the xv day of October; and the erle of Ergyle come to his Majeſtie at Dundie vpone the aucht day, with twa and him ſelffe, the wether being werie greiuous and vehement. The haill papiſt earles keipit thame ſelfes quyet all that tyme the King wes in Aberdein, and na intelligence could be had of thame. At that tyme the barronis and vtheris gentlemen quho wer with the ſaidis earles wer hardlie perſevit, theare eſcheatis diſponit, and cautioun teane that naine vtheris ſould reſet ather the erles or thair complices. The houſſe of Straboggie and Slaynis, with the Nevtoun a gallant houſe, wer diſtroyed and dimoliſchit, and the King red theare to that effect in propper perſone.

His Majeſtie remainit at Aberdein v or vj weekis, and depairting for ſkearſetie of wiueris left behind him the diuk of Lennox leiftennent, togither with his counſall and barronis to aſſiſt him, and ane hundrethe wadgit horſmen and ane hundrethe futemen to attend him, beſyd the countrie appoynted to attend him continuallie. His Majeſtie, this

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being donne, and caution being fund be certane barronis for keiping guid ordour, depairted to the caſtle of Dynnotter the xj of November. The diuk ſtayed and tuik ordour with the haill complayntis of the countrie: and then vpone intelligence that the erle Bothuell wes with the papiſt erles in Elgyn, he tuik jorney therto; quhaire they wer finderit and diſſoluit, and na forder donne theirat. He gat guid obedience, and efter ſum courtis haldin theare, returnit to Aberdein againe, quhair he alſo held courtes, and delt with the erles for leaſing the countrie; he ſtayed to the xij of Februar or theareby.

About this tyme thir thrie erles, Angus, Huntlie and Erroll, met with Bothuell quyetlie at the kirk of Memmure in Angus, and ſet doun the headis of ane band amangis thame, the headis quhairof as they wer contenit in ane ticket, his Majeſtie gat thame ſubſcryvit all vnder thaire handis fra the laird of Balwerie, quho wes in companie with thame theare.

His Majeſtie had ever great fauor and lyking of the lord Vchiltrie, and vſit all meanis and occaſionis to perſuoid and draw the ſaid lord fra the erle of Bothuelis companie; and thinking that the erle of Bothuelis meiting with Huntlie and banding with him, ſould be ane cheife occaſioun to move the ſaid lord to leave Bothuell, his Majeſtie cauſit ſir Roger Aſtoun, quho had maried a ſiſter of the ſaid lordis, and Mr Patrik Galloway his Majeſteis cheif miniſter to wreyt vnto the lord Vchiltrie, and cauſit ſend the double of the band vnto him, deſyring that the ſaid lord wald come to ſome pairt beſyd Edinburgh, or to the toun of Edinburgh, quhaire he ſould be in ſuirtie till they ſould bring the principall band and let him ſie it. Lykas his Majeſtie wes maiſt willing to pardoun him all bygeanis, and all thoſe that folowit him, vpone conditioun that he ſould not medle nor enter in companie with the ſaid erle Bothuell at ony tyme thereſter, nor nane of the papiſt erles, bot be his Majeſteis permiſſioun and knavledge. Efter the reſeat of the ſaid letters

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and copie of the band, the ſaid lord Vchiltrie come with all diligence to Craiglockord, quhair Mr Patrik Galloway come furthe and met him in the nicht, withe quhom he come in to the toun of Edinburgh; and the nixt nicht folowing come doune to the Abbay, and went vp to ane chalmer abone his Majeſteis cabbinat quhair ſir James Sandelandis lay, and ſtayed theare quhill Mr Patrik Galloway and the ſaid ſir Roger Aſtoun come vp with his Majeſtie thither. Quhaire the ſaid lord, kneiling vpone his kneeis, craved his Majeſteis pardoun for bearing company with Bothuell withe quhom his Majeſtie wes offendit, bot for ony euill mynd or intention that he had toward his Majeſtie or the trubling of his eſtaite, he proteſted to God he had not, bot onlie the regaird he had to his particular for the reuendge of the ſlauchter of the erle of Murray, quhairin he wes ſo greatlie intereſt as his Majeſtie knew werie weill. Vpone the quhilkis wordis his Majeſtie tuik him up be the hand, and ſayd he knew all that to be werie trew: and vpone ſum mae gratious ſpeiches vſit towardis him, they conferred a guid ſpaice togither in the chalmer, quheare he geve his Majeſtie full ſatiſfactioun according to his hienes deſyre, and reſſavit ane kiſe of his hand, and pardoun for all bygeanis; quhilk theireſter ſchortlie his Majeſtie geve vnder his hand and ſeall, and all that folowit him at the reade of Leithe, and went homeward to his awin houſe.

Huntlie and Erroll depairted of the countrie about the day of 1595. Bothuell lykwayis depairted of the countrie, firſt paſſing to Kaitnes, and therfra about the day of 1595 to France, lyanding at the New heawin, and fra that paſt to Rowane and Pareiſche. Angus remainit in the countrie in certane obſcure pairtis, and as his Majeſtie wes informit about Douglas. Quhaire vpone his Majeſtie wreyt to the lord Vchiltrie ſum few lynes vnder his awin hand, deſyring him as he wald doe him acceptable ſeruice, to try and learne gif Angus reſorted theare in Douglas or therabout, quhilk gif he

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did, to mak purpois to apprehend him and bring him vnto him; as lykwayis to bring twa of the erle of Angus ſeruandis, viz. Inglis of Breadlie, and Andro Moriſoun quha wes ſteuart to the erle of Angus, quho wer privie to all his courſes at that tyme. According to the quhilk letter, the lord Vchiltrie vſit all diligence, and wes maiſt willing to effectuat his Majeſteis deſyre as it kythed, in making purpois to have apprehendit the ſaid erle and his ſaidis ſeruandis: and being advertiſit be his ſpyes that theay wer within Douglas and boundis thairof, the ſaid lord Vchiltrie conuocat togither of his freindis and ſeruandis to the number of twa hundrethe horſſe, giſing out the repoirt that he wes to meit his Majeſtie vpone ſum occaſioun at Edinburgh; and ſua come forduard to Douglas, quhaire his ſpy met him, and ſchew him that the erle of Angus went away that dawing out of Douglas, quhair he had lyene twa nichtes of befoir. His man Andro Moreſoun wes yit in the toun; the ſaid lord inviroined the toune, and as he wes rypping the houſſes, and ſearſching thame, Andro Moreſoun went out at the back of the yeard quhair he ludgit, quho wes teane and brocht to the ſaid lord. Breadlie wes comming from Lenrick, as the lord Vchiltrie wes lykwayis informit, quhom he waited for lykwayis; and he comming from the ſaid toun of Lenrick, cheaſſit him ſum few myles and tuik him, and brocht thame bathe to Edinburgh to his Majeſtie. And efter they wer tryed, examinat, and deponit vpone thaire oathes all that they knew, theare wes ſome about the King, ſick as chanceller Maitland, ſir George Home and the reſt of that factioun, that wes werie earneſt with his Majeſtie to cauſe hang thame. The lord Vchiltrie had procurit of his Majeſtie the cuſtodie of the men; quhairof being informit that his Majeſtie wes preſt be ſome about him to have thame execute, ſent for Mr Patrik Galloway, and acquented him heirwithe as he wes informed, ſchawing him that he [would] rather have given the halfe of his land, or they men incurrit any denger of thaire lyfes, ſeing they haid given

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his Majeſtie ſatiſfactioun be theare depoſitiounis of all they knew, and he wald be cald bot a burrior to have brocht thame to the ſkaffold; he had rather choſen to cutted theare headis of and brocht in, nor to brocht thame alyfe to the ſkaffold; deſyring him to crave of his Majeſtie maiſt humblie the fauour to graunt theare lyfes. The quhilk commiſſioun the ſaid Mr Patrik Galloway declaired vnto his Majeſtie, quhairof his Majeſtie conſiddering werie graciouſlie the ſaid lord Vchiltreis entres thearin, lykas he had ſeine him ſo willing and radie, granted his deſyre, and geve the ſaid lord theare lyfes and to put thame at libertie, the quhilk he did werie honeſtlie. At this tyme the lord Vchiltrie wes not aggreet with Maitland and the Homes.

At Bothuelis paſſing out of Kaitnes, his brother Hercules Steuart and ſum vtheris his fauoreris, Mr Allane Orme and certane vtheris wer execute, to the great regrait of the pepill; for this Hercules wes ane ſimple gentleman, and not ane interpryſer. Mr John Coluill wes his apprehender, and for that diſgracit, becauſe he promiſit him his lyfe. The leivingis of Huntlie and Errol wer given to the diuk, and he maid theare awin ladeyis and wyfes intromettouris thairwithe. Angus leaving wes lykwayis given to the diuk, and intromettit with be his awin chalmerlanis. Bothuelis leiving wes renuncit to Ceſſurde and Balcleuche, and Coldinghame to the erle of Home, to thair awin houſſes and vſſes. It wes ſayd that thir thrie wer vpone ane courſe of tranſporting of the prince from Sterling to the caſtell of Edinburgh. Johne lord Thirlſteane, being oft tymes ſeik, recouered now and then; at laſt befoir his depairtour, quhilk wes the [iij] day of October 1595, efter great remorce for his ſynnes depairted this lyfe.

About the [xiv] day of October 1595, the lord Hereis, accumpanied with ſum incountrie men of the name of Maxvell to the number of iij^{c} perſonis, come to Lockarbie, of purpois to have ſocht and killed the Johnſtonis; bot they wer diſſapoynted, for Newwork wes left for

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dead, and the laird of nether Pollock with xx or xiiij of the name of Maxvell wer ſlayne, and many teane priſſoneris be the Johnſtonis, to the lord Hereis great diſgraice.

About the xxiiij of November, word come that iiij^{c} ſailes of Spayn-yeardis wer lyand at Byſkay beſyd Burdeaux. The King come with the counſall to Edinburgh, to treat vpone maiteris of the reformatioun of the countrie, and the interteinment of his Majeſteis houſe, the xxiiij of the ſaid monethe. Wappinſchawing is appoynted throw all the countrie, in reſpect of the word of the Spayneyeardis, and great prepa-ratioun for fortefeing of the country, bot litle donne.

In the beginning of Februar 1595, aucht lordis wer appoynted for vptaking of his Majeſteis haill rentis, propertie and caſualeties; viz. Alexander lord Vrquhart preſident of the colledge of juſtice, [the] pryour of Blantyre, ſir Dauid Carnegie of Colluthie knicht, Mr John Lyndſay of Menmure, Mr James Elphinſtoun of Innernachtie, Mr Thomas Hammiltoun of Drumcairny, Mr John Skene clerk of regiſter and Mr Peter Young of Settoun maiſter Almoyare; quhilkis war ſolemnelie ſuorne to reſpect his Majeſteis profeite and weill in paſſing of all thingis. They, according to thair commiſſioun, met togither in the Over tolbuithe daylie eſternoune, and keipit werie preceiſe and guid ordour. It wes thocht now that all ſould be weyll handled: they proteſtit that they ſocht nothing ſo muche as his Majeſteis weill, and wald have no feall for thair ſeruice.

At this tyme the laird of Parbreathe comptroller and the proveſt of Glenclouden collectour war preſſit to demit thaire offices, quhilk they yeildit. Nixt the maiſter of Glamis wes delt with for the office of the theſaurie, quho being difficille raſſavit ſex thovſand pundis for his guid-will in hand. The ſaid Walter pryour of Blantyre in Merche 1595 wes maid theſaurer, and gat the ordinar feall of j^{m} lib. includit in his gift; and ſir Robert Melwill geve over his office of deputie to the ſaid

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pryour, for the quhilk he had compoſitioun: ſua the pryour wes full theſaurer. In the end of Februar, Mr Robert Bowes come in embaſſadour for the Queine of Ingland.

About the xiiij or xv day of Apryle, word come in Scotland that Kaleyis wes aſſalted and wyn be the Spayneyeardis, being in number xxv^{m} men; it wes confermit be ane certaintie immediatlie thairefter. The forme wes this; it wes betrayed be ſex merchandis, quhairof thrie wer apprehendit be the leiftennent and hangit, and vtheris thrie eſcapit; and in the meanetyme, the Spayneyeard aſſalting the toun in the nicht, aſſurance wes teane betuix the leiftennent and thame; yit the Spaynyeard vndermynding the wall blew vp a great pairt of the toun with poulder, and pat many to the aidge of the ſuorde: bot ſa many as could be had of the Ingliſche ſyd went for manning the citaideall, bot it wes alſo wyn and they all ſlayne. This wes in doing ſevin dayis. Thairefter theare paſt ane armie of xxx^{m} men to Spayne, and pat many to the aidge of the ſuorde, wan Cadeiſe walis and ſundrie of the Spaniſche ſchipis with great ſlauchter. The erles of Eſſex and Suſſex returnit with great ſpoyles of ſchipis and vtheris guidis, quhairat great triumphe wes maid, and bealis ſet vp for joy.

Vpone the xiij of Apryle 1596, the laird of Balcleuch, accumpained with thrieſcoir perſonis or thairby, paſt to the caſtle of Carlell, ledderit and clame the walis thairof, and tuik furthe of the ſame William Armſtrang called of Kynmouthe, being theare in priſſoun, as takin immediatlie befoir be the Ingliſchemen, at a meiting at a day of trew of the oppoſit warden with Balcleuche (being lord and keipar of Liddiſdeall) and [to] his diſhonour as he comptit. [He] cauſe blaw his trumpet on the hicht of the caſtell wall, and then brocht the ſaid William away hailſcart, ſlaying and hurting in the meanetyme thrie of the watches of the caſtell; and yit not weill thocht of be the Kingis Majeſtie. Balcleuche being accuſit heirof be the Ingliſche embaſſadour, it wes

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thocht na offence meritting his fyling and delyverie quhilk wes craued. Alwayis for ſatiſfeing of the Queinis Majeſtie, Balcleuche wes wardit within St Androis, vnder pretext of the intercomoning with Frances Movbray, fugitiue for the hurting of William Schaw, and making him his ſecund in a combat vndertakin betuix him and Young Ceſſuirde.

About the xx of Auguſt 1596, word come quhilk wes trew that the erle of Huntlie come in Scotland; quhilk being firſt obſcurit and thairefter diuvlgat, the miniſtrie ſoundit and cryed michtelie out of thair pulpitis thairvpone.

About the xij of September, theare wes a conuentioun of certane of the nobilletie and eſtaitis, quhairat the erle of Huntleyis wyfe geve in in his name certane offeris, quhilkis wer hard, bot reiected allutterlie till ſick tyme as they ſould vnderſtand quheare he wes, and that cautioun ſould be fund afoir his incomming in the countrie, for his guid behauiour, in ſick forme as it pleaſed his Majeſtie with advyſe of his Hienes counſall. Notwithſtanding thairefter in ane vther conuentioun haldin at Dumfermling vpone the day of 1596, vnder pretext of ordour taking anent the Princes baptiſme, it wes minted to be the ſaid erles wyfe againe, bot no thing donne.

The baptiſme appoynted the xxviij of November 1596, without inviting of any ſtrengeris at Halyroudhous. The Queine of Inglandis embaſſadour Mr Bowes haldand vp the Princes called her lady Eliſabethe, efter the Queine his Majeſtie, and ſua wes cryed and called be the lyon harrald *Lady Eliſabethe firſt dochtour of Scotland.* Litle or no triumphe wes maid bot in guid faire and cheir, becauſe that it wes in wynter ſeaſon and ill wether.

In this meanetyme, the Ingliſche embaſſadour compleanit vpone Mr Dauid Black for vttering ill wordis of the Queine, and calling her ane atheiſt, and that the relligioun of Ingland wes bot the ſchaw of a relligioun. He wes thairvpone cited befoir his Majeſtie and counſell,

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quheare finding the embaſſadour ſuerue fra the accuſatioun, ane vther ſummondis wes lybellit aganis the ſaid Mr Dauid, quhairby he wes ſummondit to compeir, to anſuer vpone ſick ſpeiches as he had given out of pulpit within thrie dayis befoir, to wit, that he had publictlie ſayd in pulpit, that the papiſt erles wes come home be the Kingis knavledge and conſent, quhairin his Hienes treacherie wes detectit; that all Kingis war deuilis and come of diuilis; that the deuill wes the head of the court and in the court; that he prayit for the Queine of Scotland for the faſchione, becauſe he ſaw na appearance of guid in hir tyme; that he red a copie of a ſummondis of ſuſpenſioun in the midis of his ſermone in the pulpit, repellit and diſcuſt the reſſonis thairof, and callit the lordis of Seſſioun miſcreantis, bryberis and holly glaſſe, and the nobilletie cormoladis; he calit the Queine of Ingland atheiſt; and laſt, that he and Mr Andro Melvill convenit ane number of barronis in Fyfe within the toun of Couper, and maid a couenant with thame to ryſe in armis, make ane inſurrectioun, and execute ſick turnis as they devyſit, and for that effect electit four or fyve captans to be thair conductouris.

This Black vſit a declinatour of his Majeſteis judgement, ſaying it wes doctrine, and that the profeitis and miniſtrie wer only judges competent to him *in prima inſtancia*; quhilk paſſing to ane interloquitour his Majeſtie repellit, and fand him ſelfe judge thairinto. Quhairvpone witneſſe being calit in and ſuorne, certane of the ſpeciales of the counſell wer appoynted to examinat thame the morne thairefter; quhilk being done, and the haill witneſſe, being a great number all inhabitantis within and about St Androis, examinat, about xxvj of thame deponit the ſaid Black to be giltie of the haill ſpeiches befoir ſpecifeit. Vpone the quhilk his Majeſtie, ever inclynit to lenitie, ſuperceidit his puniſchment, quhilk wes remitted to his Hienes pleſour, in hoip that maiteris ſould [have] bein takin away and packet vp betuix his Hienes and the miniſtrie, quhilkis all tuik a pairt in mantenance of that declinatour, be a number

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of theare ſubſcriptionis interponit thairto. Quhairvpone inſchevit a great contraverſie betuix his Majeſtie and the miniſtrie, his Hienes acclaming to be judge to thame in all maiteris of treaſoun and ſeditioun, and they denying the ſame. This Black efter conuictioun remitted to the Kingis puniſchment, his Majeſtie wardit him beyond the northe water quhill his Hienes declairit his mynd.

Sundrie conferences wer betuix his Majeſtie and the miniſtrie anent the pollitick and externall gouernament of the kirk. Maiteris thairof [wer] hardlie reſſonit and ſtuckin at on ather ſydes, quhill at laſt, be the miniſteris conſtant abyding at theare declinatour, and that they wer onlie competent judges in thair doctrine delyverit in pulpit *in prima inſtancia*, his Majeſtie wes heichlie exaſperat thairat, and at thear daylie declaming aganis his Majeſtie and his counſall, finding falt withe his Hienes courſe in the fauour ſchewin to the papiſt erles, ſpeciallie Huntlie, and impunging his Majeſteis lawis, actis of parliament and proclamationis, maid anent thair reſtraynt from convocatioun of thame ſelfes, and with thame the noblemen and barronis of the countrey at theare aſſembleis and vther tymes, without his Majeſteis privetie and licence, alledging the ſame to tend to a ſeditioun. Sum of the miniſtrie, that wer commiſſioneris for the reſt at Edinburgh for the tyme, wer chairged and commandit to depairt of the toun. Sum alſo of the tounſmen thocht maiſt familiar with the miniſteris of Edinburgh, to the number of xj or xij, wer chairged of the toun, and not to come within twa myles thairto.

The miniſtrie of Edinburgh, incenſit at his Majeſteis ſa hard proceiding as they thocht, geve out maiſt griuous and vnkouthe ſpeiches againis the counſall; to wit, preſident, ſecretar, Mr Thomas Hamiltoun aduocat. Speciallie Mr Walter Balkanquholle ane of the miniſteris of Edinburgh, preaching in St Jeilis kirk the xvij day of December 1596, ane euill day for the toun of Edinburgh, maiſt griuouſlie exclamit aganis the ſaidis counſelleris be theare names expreſt, and aganis his Majeſteis

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courſe in fauouring of Huntlie, afferming thairby the kirk and relligioun to be in denger, and exhorting his auditouris, lordis, barronis, gentlemene, burgeſſe and vtheris to repeare immediatlie to the Litle kirk, quhaire the lordis Lyndſay and Forbes, withe the lairdis of Bargeany, Blackwane, Duntreathe, Hatton, Faldounſyde, M'Kleane and ſundrie vtheris barronis, gentlemen and burgeſſes being convenit at his deſyre, ane exhortatioun wes maid be Mr Robert Bruce, ane vther of the ſaidis miniſteris, declairing to the pepill the denger quhairin the kirk and relligioun ſtood, be the returne of the papiſt erles within this realme, and the fauour ſchawin to thame; and thairvpone deſyrit ſick as wer convenit theare to hald vp thair handis, and awow the defence of the kirk and relligioun aganis quhatſoever. Quhilk being doune, ſum of the ſaidis noblemen and barronis, and ſum of the miniſtrie wer directed to the Tolbuithe, quhairin his Majeſtie wes for the tyme in the ower houſe, with commiſſioun to deſyre his Majeſtie, in reſpect of the denger quhairin the profeſſouris of Godis relligioun ſtood, to put theſe counſellouris from him quho geve him counſall to bring home they papiſte erles, to the perelling of relligioun and his awin eſtaite. Quhilk commiſſioun being diſchairged ſum pairt to his Majeſtie, his Hienes, as the commiſſioneris and pepill murmurred, tuik not the ſame in guid pairt, bot as ane miſcontent, withdrew him ſelfe out of the heiche houſe doun to the laiche [doun to the] Tolbuithe, and theare convenit ſa mony togither of the counſell as wer preſent, to advyſe vpone ane anſuer.

And ſua in this meanetyme, as his Majeſtie and lordis wes ſittand theare in counſell at the backcomming of the commiſſioneris agane, ane fray arreaſe in the Tolbuithe being full of pepill, quhilk proceidit vpone ane fray that firſt beguid in the Litle kirk, quhairin ane cryed "The ſuord of Gidioun!" and ſome vtheris cryed "Armes! Armes!" And ſua a great number of tounſmen, quhilkis wer thocht maiſt zealous in relligioun, and hanted in the companie of the miniſteris, pat thame

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ſelfes in airmes, ſome in corſleatis and ſum vther wayis. Lykas the lord Lyndſay, lord Forbes and ſum of the barronis conuenit in the Litle kirk, and with the miniſtrie paſt forduard to the Tolbuithe in ane great companie togither. And ſua exclamationis paſſing throw the haill toun, and all men making to armes, theare fell out ane exceiding great tumult, to the terrour of his Majeſtie and all the lordis and vtheris with his Hienes in the tolbuithe, bot ſpeciallie the greateſt fear of the four lordis, quhilkis wes thocht to have beine ſlayne, to wit, the preſident, the ſecretar, Mr James Elphinſtoun, the aduocat Mr Thomas Hamiltoun, and my lord of Menmure. Theare wes directit out from his Majeſtie and counſall theare preſent, the erle of Mar and the lord Vchiltrie, to the lordis barronis and miniſtrie convenit in the kirk yeard, to ſtay the tumult. They had great truble and buſſines in thaire outgoing, be reſſoun of the thronge of pepill; and at thaire comming to the kirkyeard on the back ſyde, quhaire the lordis, miniſtrie and all wer conuenit, ſome wordis wer wiſſellit at the firſt betuix the erle of Mar and lord Lyndſay, quhilkis could not be quenched a long tyme, quhill the lord Vchiltrie deſyred the lord Lyndſay to have patience, and heir the erle of Mar delyver his Majeſteis commiſſioun, as it become him weill to doe: Quhilk efter he did, he returnit with my lord Vchiltrie to his Majeſtie and counſall, quho wer ſittand expecting theare back comming. In this meanetyme the magiſtrates and honeſt men of the toun, ignorant of the maiter meanit, comming to ſpeak his Majeſtie, be his Hienes command ſtayed the tumult, and commandit all theare nichbouris to theare ludgingis. And quhen the matter wes quyetted, and that the lordis barronis and miniſtrie that wer convenit wer ordeanit to come doun to his Majeſtie at efter noune, and to ſchaw theare greifes, the quhilk they promiſit to doe, his Majeſtie paſt doun the Hie ſtreit to the Abbay on fute.

Theirefter the moveris of the tumult, convening thame ſelfes togither

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in Mr Robert Bruces galrey in the back of the kirk at efternoune the ſamyn day, maid choiſe of ſum commiſſioneris, viz. the lord Forbes, the laird of Bargeanie and laird of Blackwane, laird of Faldounſyde with ſum of the miniſteris, quhilkis they ſend doune with ſum artickelis to his Majeſtie to be anſuerit. They held forduard the way, quhill they come to the Abbay cloſe about four houris at ewin. The Kingis Majeſtie, being informed of theare commiſſioun and of theare comming, called the lord Vchiltrie, and directit him, as he wald doe him maiſt acceptable ſeruice, to move and draw Bargaynie and Blackwane fra that companie. Quhilk he did with all diligence, for theſe twa men wer his ſpeciall freindis, and brocht theare be him vpone ane day of law, for perſuite of the lord Torthorell, for the ſlauchter of his vmquhill vncle James Steuart ſumtyme chanceller of Scotland. Sua efter the ſaid lord had teane twa out of that companie back to the toun with him, the reſt of the commiſſioneris, efter a litle conſultatioun and advyſement with thame ſelfes, ſeparat thame ſelfes, and ilk ane of thame paſt ane ſundrie geat, leavand of thaire commiſſioun vndiſcharged. The ſame nicht Barganie and Blackwane wer brocht in quyetlie to his Majeſteis chalmer, at ten houris at ewin, be the meanis of the lord Vchiltrie, quho wer pardonit be his Majeſtie, and commandit to ryd home to theare awin houſſe.

Vpone the morne the noblemen and barronis in this quarrell ſeparat thame ſelfes and paſt hameward; ſome of thame wer called thairefter befoir his Majeſtie, and committed to ſundrie wardis, furthe of the quhilk they wer be tyme releiſit. Some of the inhabitantis of Edinburgh, thocht buſſie on the calſay that day armit with corſletis, and delaited as pairtakeris of that tumult, being thocht a treaſonable conſpiracie, (albeet never ſa yit tryed out) wer ſtraitlie put at, and for non compearance ſome put to the horne and vtheris wardit, bot finally all releiſcit and put to libertie home againe.

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The four ordinar miniſteris of Edinburgh, viz. Mr Robert Bruce, Mr Walter Backanquhell, Mr William Watſone and Mr James Balfoure, being chairged to compeir afoir his Majeſtie and counſall, and to be entered be the proveſt and bailyeis, they wer fugitiues and denuncit to the horne for non compearance. Quhilk paſſing over a long tyme, and ſum meanes being maid for reſtoiring the miniſtrie to theare awin places, efter the ſamyn had waiked, and nather preching nor prayeris vſit in the kirkis of Edinburgh for ane great ſpaice, it wes dreſſit with great deficultie, his Majeſtie ſtanding in werię hard termes with the miniſtrie, that they ſould be reſtoired to thair places. And for accompleſching of that work, with the reſolution of ſum queſtionis debeattable, and thocht meit to be aggreed on betuix his Majeſtie and the kirk, conuentioun of the eſtaitis and generall aſſemblie wes appoynted and haldin in Dundie, beginnand vpone the tent day of Maij 1597.

In this foirſaid tyme, Mr John Welſche miniſter wes chargit to compeir befoir his Majeſtie and counſall, for ſum ſpeiches vttered be him in a ſermone maid in St Jeilis kirk in Edinburgh, within thrie or four dayis efter that tumult, quhilk wes the xvij day of December, and for non compearance wes lykwayis denuncit to the horne, and aganis quhom his Majeſtie wes heichlie offendit. The lord Vchiltrie delt werie earneſtlie with his Majeſtie in his fauouris, and procurit his pace, gat him relaxit and reſtoired to his awin plaice againe.

At this conuentioun appoynted the tent day of Maij 1597, the four ordinar miniſteris of Edinburgh compearit in preſence of the generall aſſemblie haldin theare, and geve vp theare offices, as it wer at the apoſtles feit, affirming that they ſould never ſerue quhill the diuiſioun of the congregatioun wer maid in aucht, and aucht miniſteris appoynted to ſerue the cure of the ſame. For that commiſſioun wes gevin to certane of the miniſtrie theare, to ſie that kirk of Edinburgh planted, with the kirkis of St Androis, Dundie and utheris; as lykwayis to ſie

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ordour taking with a great diſſaſtour fallin out amangis the clergie of St Androis, quhilkis had devydit that haill cittie in factionis; and a requeſt wes maid be the aſſemblie to his Majeſtie to concur with the ſaidis commiſſioneris for the better effectuatting of that turne. His Majeſtie and the ſaidis commiſſioneris of the aſſemblie, with ſum of his Hienes counſall, immediatlie heireſter convenit at St Androis, and diſplacit fra ſeruice thear Mr Dauid Black and Mr Robert Wallace miniſteris; as lykwayis, in ſchort tyme therefter, inioynit Mr Andro Melwill and the reſt of the doctouris to keip theare ſcoiles and colledges, and medle with na aſſembleis or preſbitereis therefter; and in end maid choiſe and placit Mr George Gladſteanis miniſter theare, thocht weill of and lykit be his Majeſtie and commiſſioneris of the kirk at that tyme, and the haill honeſt citizenis of the cittie. Efter this the four ordinar miniſteris of Edinburgh ſuitted to be reponit in theare awin plaices, quhilk wes therefter granted.

At the ſaid conuentioun quhilk endit the xvij day of Maij 1597, the artickles folowing wer concludit: first, That the money ſould be cryed to l. ſ. the vnce; that no forrane gold nor ſiluer ſould have courſe, bot be vſit as bulyeoun to the counyiehouſe; the counyeis of v lib. peices of gold, and x ſ. peices of ſiluer ſalbe continowit and ſtruckin without alteratioun; that na Ingliſche cleathe ſould be brocht within this realme; that the woll tranſporting ſould be reſtrainit; that bulyeoun ſould be brocht hame be the merchandis, conforme to the actis of parliament; that the cuſtomes ſalbe heichtit, conform to the actis of parliament and practick of old; that cuſtomes ſalbe takin als weill of guidis command within the realme, as tranſportit furthe therof, quhilk wes thocht a noveltie. It wes concludit in the ſaid aſſemblie, that erle Huntlie, Angus, Erroll ſould be abſoluit fra the excommunicatioun be thair ordinar preſbitreis.

Efter this immediatlie a parliament wes proclamit to be haldin at

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Edinburgh vpone the day of , quhilk wes feneit and continowit to the [iij] day of [November] therefter. In this tyme the ſaidis erles wer abſoluit fra the ſentence of excommunicatioun, and reſſavit to the ſocietie of the kirk.

Immediatlie therefter his Majeſtie paſt about the [ix] day of October toward Dumfreiſche, for repreſſing the inſolencie of the brokin men of the weſt bordour, of that reſolutioun not to returne thairfra quhill that turne wes effectuat; as in deid his Majeſtie did mikle to it. In that tyme he hangit xiiij or xv lymmeris and notorius theifes, and compellit the principalis of everie breanche of the ſurnames of Johnſtoun and Airmeſtrange, Beattiſoun, Bell, Irwing and vtheris to enter ane or twa of the moiſt notable malefactouris of evrie breanche, quhairof theare wes xxxvj in number, as pledges that the haill ſkeathes and reafes committed be thame or ony of theare particular brenche, ſen the laird of Johnſtounis acceptatioun of the wardeanrie, quhilk wes about ane yeir and ane halfe befoir that tyme, ſould be redreſt, the pairteis compleanand betuix and the ſecund of Februar nixt therefter; and that they and all thaires ſould abſteine fra ſick inſolencie and thift in tyme comming, vnder the paine of hanging. Thir pledges being enterit wer committed to waird in his Majeſteis houſſe and ſtrenthes, and for the better effectuatting of this concluſioun, and keiping of the countrie in obedience and guid ordour, his Majeſtie conſtitute theare preſentlie Andro lord Vchiltrie leiftennent and wardin over that haill weſt merche, and geve pover be commiſſioun to hald courtes of redres for tryell of complayntis and ſatiſfactioun of his Majeſteis guid ſubiectis compleaneris. And for meiting with the oppoſit wardenis, making and reſſaving of redres, and alſo for ſuppreſſing of all forder inſolenceis quhatſoever. Quhilk commiſſioun wes als lairge and ample as any quhatſumever ever granted to ony leiftennent heirtofoir.

This doune, his Majeſtie returnit from Drumfreiſche to Edinburgh,

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quheare the ſaid parliament wes begun vpone the [iij] day of [November,] and endit within aucht or nyne dayis thairefter. At the quhilk the ſaidis erles wer reſtored, baithe be reductioun of theare forfaltouris, and ane act of abolitioun granted in theare fauour. The honouris wer borne the firſt day as folowis; the erle of Caſſilis buire the croune, Sutherland the ſceptour, and the erle of Mar the ſuord: the ſecund day the erle Caſſilis buir the croune to the Tolbuithe, the erle of Keatnes the ſceptour, and the erle of Mar the ſuord: and in the doun comming from the Tolbuithe efter the reſtitutioun of the erles, the erle of Angus buir the croune, the erle of Huntlie the ſceptour, and the erle of Mar the ſuord. Theare wes a taxatioun of twa hundrethe thovſand merkes granted to the King be the eſtaites of parliament, for directing embaſſadouris in Ingland, France, Denmerk, Germanie and ſundrie vtheris pairtes. Sundrie actis of parliament wer then concludit, the particularis quhairof I remit to the parliament buik.

The lord Vchiltrie remanit leiftennent vpone the bordour fyve or ſex monethes at Dumfreiſche, halding courtis of redres, and pacifeing the countrey; he hangit and ſlew thrieſcoir, with the moir of notable thiefes. He geve ſundrie decreitis, and in his tyme cauſit mak great execution of the ſaidis decreitis; and keipit the countrey in great quyetnes and guid ordour all this tyme.

About this tyme theare wes ane aſſemblie of the miniſtrie haldin at Dundie, quhair his Majeſtie being preſent vpone the [xxvj] day of Merche 1598, quhair it wes proponit that biſchopis ſould have woit in parliament, bot yit the maiter wes continowit. Sundrie greifes wer given in be the foure ordinarie miniſteris of Edinburgh, and the preſbitreis thairof and thairabout, for that Mr Peter Ewet and Mr George Robertſoun wer admitted miniſteris thear; yit all maiteris wer weill aggreet. The maiter of the planting of the kirk of Edinburgh wes long diſpute betuix his Majeſtie and Mr Robert Bruce, vpone this particular,

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that Mr Robert wald not reſſave his admiſſioun to a particular ſloke be impoſitioun of handis and ordinatioun, without ane declaratour givin [to] him be the commiſſioneris of aſſemblie, that he had lauchfullie exercit the office of ane paſtour in the kirk of befoir; quhilk maiter efter many tryſtes wes aggreet and packet vp.

At the diſſoluing of the quhilk aſſemblie haldand at Dundie, quhilk wes about the day of , quhen his Majeſtie wes in his returne to Edinburgh, the diuk of Holſten his Majeſteis guidbrother come throw Ingland in to Edinburgh, and wes convoyed the firſt nicht to Halyroudhouſe, quheare he wes reſſavit gladlie, and vſit in all ſortis as a Prince. His Majeſtie heaſted to Edinburgh to meit with the ſaid diuk, and at his thearecomming interteined him alwayis as becamę; he maid progres out of Halyroudhouſe ower the water of Forthe to Rewinſheuche the firſt nicht, fra that to Balcolmie, Pittinweem, St Androis, Leucheris, Dundie, Foulis, St Johnſtoun, Sterling, Linlithgow and Edinburgh, quhaire he wes bancketted all the way. His Majeſtie bancketted him in Halyroudhous and Sterling mony a tyme, with great drinking and paſtymes, and with learge propynes.

In the end of Merche 1598, Mr Eduard Bruce commendatour of Kynloſe wes directed in embaſſadge towardis the Queine of Ingland, with a commiſſioun to excuſe his Majeſtie of ſum thingis allegit ſpokin be his Hienes in parliament, anent hir proceiding in nominatioun of the ſecund perſone and great ſteuart, in his Majeſteis preiudice to the richt of the croune of Ingland, and to propone ſum vtheris particularis concerning the eſtait of the twa bordouris and twa realmis. He returnit in Maij thairefter, with word that a peace wes concludit betuix the King of Spayne and France, within the quhilk it wes craved that the Queine of Ingland and the eſtaites of the Law countreis ſould be includit, if it pleaſed thame vpone ſick conditionis. In this peace it wes concludit that the inquiſitioun of Spayne and halye houſe ſould be diſchargit, and

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not extendit to ſtrangeris; that all forreneris mycht tread theare at thear pleſour without challenge; that Caleyſe ſould be reſtoired to the King of France, vpone the xxiij day of Maij foirſaid.

Vpone the xxiiij day of Junij nixt, theare wes a conuentioun appoynted to hald at Edinburgh of the nobilletie and eſteatis: at quhilk day theare wer preſent, the diuk of Lennox, lord Hamiltoun, the erles of Angus, Erroll, Caſſilis, Mar, Glencairne, Sutherland; the lordis Settoun, Leivingſtoun, Nevbotle, with ſundrie vtheris. Quheareat wes treatted the headis and artickelis folowing; for ſetting doune a rent to his Majeſtie for the diſchairge of his princelie effearis; anent the electioun of his defynit counſall remitted to the parliament; the checker to ſit anis in the yeir in Julij allenerlie; Mononday appoynted a play day; his Majeſtie paſſing to Kyntyre; the biſchop of Glaſgow reſtoired; anent the ſcherefis and horneris; the ordour alreadie ſet doun to ſtand anent away taking of feadis; anent proviſioun for armour, with ſundrie vtheris guid actis.

Immediatlie efter the diſſoluing of the ſaid conuentioun, his Majeſtie paſt out of Edinburgh to Sterling, and from that to Falkland. His Majeſtie returnit againe to Edinburgh the xx day of Julij, for ordour taking with the fead betuix the erle of Mar, lord Leivingſtoun and maiſter of Elphingſtoun. About the tuentie of October, the gentlemen interpryſeris to conqueis the Lewes paſt forduard in that woyadge.

Vpone the xxviij day of October, theare wes a conuentioun of ane number of the nobilletie, quhairat the counyie als weill our awin as forrene wes cryed doun, to the great hurt of the leidges; an electioun of the counſall, and ane greatter number of the nobilletie concludit to be wreyttin for, agane the tent day of December nixt thairefter at Edinburgh.

At quhilk tyme they met, and treattit vpone the materis folowing; to wit, that theare ſould be ane defynit counſell of xxxj perſonis, quhair-

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of xvj ſould be noblemen, and the reſt officiaris, barronis and vtheris at his Majeſteis nominatioun, quhilk ſould ſit in his Majeſteis palice vpone Tyſday and Thurſday weeklie at efternoune, and have a pover and auctoritie to command, in quhatſoevir pairtes they ſould happin to reſoirt, his Majeſteis ſubiectis makaris of conuocatioun, ryotis or ſick tumultis in the countrey, [and] to commit in waird or fyne as they ſould think guid. They war firſt ſuorne, and with ſubſcryving geve theare oathes that they ſould give his Majeſtie trew and faithfull counſall in all his royall effearis, ather concerning himſelf or the weill of the countrey. The names war thir; the diuk of Lennox, the erles of Angus, Caſſilis, Mar, Glencairne, Montroiſe quho wes maid preſident of this counſell; the lordis Settoun, Flemyng, Leivingſtoun, Vchiltrie, Newbotle, Fyvie; the theſaurer, ſecretar, comptroller, clerk of regiſter, aduocat, juſtice clerk, priuie ſeall, collectour elymoyinare, commendatour of Kynloſe, biſchop of Dunkeld; the lairdis of Traquaire, ſir George Home, Carmichell. Thir war preſent, and the reſt remitted to his Majeſteis nominatioun quhen his Hienes thocht guid. The conyie wes ordeanit to be cryed vp againe in this maner folowing; viz. the vnce of our awin frie fyne ſiluer to be at liij ſ. iiij d. and the vnce of forrene ſiluer to be at l ſ., and the gold proportionallie according to the ſpaices particularlie ſet doun; wapponſchawingis wer appoynted to be haldin vpone the firſt Monondayis of Maij, Junij, Julij; the counſell wes ordeanit to tak ordour with the bordour maiteris, ſcherefis, hornaris and ſick vtheris thingis proponit at the conuentioun. Quhilkis being endit, the counſall helde forduard, and began according to the preſcryvit ordour.

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THE FYFT DAY OF AUGUST 1600.

Mr Alexander Ruthuen brother to the erle of Govrie come tymuſlie to Falkland, quho did informe the Kingis Majeſtie that certane gold wes fund within the grund in a plaice, with the quhilk he wald on na wayis medle, vnto ſick tyme as his Majeſtie did ſie it. Quhairvpone his Majeſtie come to Perthe to dyne with the ſaid erle, and immediatlie thairefter his Majeſtie wes conuoyit vp ſtaires, being allone with the ſaid Mr Alexander; and evrie dur being ſchut as his Majeſtie come along behind him, wes brocht to ane inner cabinet, quheare behind the tapiſtrie wes ſittand ane armit man called Andro Henderſoun, of purpois to have killed his Maieſtie. The ſaid Mr Alexander Ruthuen than began with theſe ſpeiches to his Majeſtie; "Sir, ye muſt die, thearefore I will bind your handis." His Majeſtie maid anſuer in this form; "Mr Alexander, did ever Mr Robert Rollock teatche yow ſuche leſſonis in devynetie, to bind your Prince and kill him? No! no! I am born a frie King, and thairfoire will not be bund." And vpone theſe ſpeiches his Majeſtie and Mr Alexander fell in wraſtlenge; his Majeſtie, being ſtrong and aſſiſted with the help of the Almichtie, did bring him ſelfe to ane back wyndow, quhair thruſting out ane glaſe

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cryed treaſoun. Johne Ramſay, by the providence of God, being his Majeſteis peadge and truſtie ſeruand, hearing his Majeſteis word, convoyed him ſelfe to his Majeſtie, firſt of all by ane privat way and entrie, and did find thame beathe almoiſt without breathe; and ſeing his Majeſtie in ſuche denger, preſentlie did kill the ſaid Mr Alexander. The erle him ſelfe comming ane vther way vp ſtearis, his Majeſtie being incloſit in ane litle cabbynit, the ſaid John Ramſay meiting the erle with twa drawin ſuordis in his handis ſayd, "My lord quhat meane yow to kill ws quho ar ſeruandis? his Majeſtie is killed;" and haſing his ſuord (my lord pauſing at this word) ſtrook him ane deadlie ſtreak toward the heart. As alſo ſir Thomas Erſkyne haſing folowit vp ane vther way did keip the entrie.

The report of the ſlauchter of the ſaid erle and his brother went throw Perthe, and [the pepill] nocht vnderſtanding the forme, come towardis the houſe withe forces, and cryed they wald have out thaire proveſt; and vpone this ane great tumult arroſe and confluence of pepill. At laſt the King commandit to mak proclamatioun, commanding evrie perſone to thair awin houſe, vnder the paine of dead and treaſoun, quhairvpone the tumult ceaſſed. Then his Majeſtie tuik horſe and red immediatlie to Falkland.

Schortlie thairefter, the corpis of the ſaid erle and his brother wer brocht to Edinburgh to the croce thairof, and hangit vp in preſence of the haill pepill. Lykas thairefter they wer baithe forfalted as treatouris to his Majeſteis perſone. In November theareefter, theare wes ane parliament, quhairin it wes ordeanit, that, as the name of Ruthuen ſould be extinguiſchit in all tyme thairefter, ſa the place of Ruthuen ſould be called Huntingtoure, vnder the paine of perpetuall exyle and baniſchement; and that betuix and the feaſt and terme of Witſonday nixt folowing: quhairvpone letters war directit to the toun of Perthe, Edinburgh and vtheris places neidfull, and theare publiſchit.

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Thearefter John Ramſay reſſavit the title of knichthead, with noble airmes devyſit and given be his Majeſtie to him and his ſucceſſouris, as being maſt worthie of the ſame for his memorable preſeruatioun. And this far for the erle of Govreis treaſoun, etc.

Vpone the day of Merche 1603, his Majeſtie tuik jorney towardis Ingland to be crouned King theareof; quhair he wes met with ſundrie nobles, and convoyit to the Chairterhouſe of Londoun, etc.

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VARIOUS READINGS.

P. 3. l. 22. the xvij day

P. 7. l. 4. not acknowledgeing the said earle to be principall [of his house]

P. 8. l. 27. the xxviiij,

P. 11. l. ult. accompanied with his estates, raid in his rob royall from his awin chalmer,

P. 12. l. 5. the earle off Montrose and lord Lyndesay, as commissioners from the lords att Edinburgh,

l. 20. Aberdeine, Glasgow, Air and Iruing.

P. 13. l. 12. to 14. mercatt crose of Edinburgh, chargeing the prowest and baillies thairof to stay leving of anie men of warre within ther burghe, without the sight of his hienes speciall licence to that effectt; and to raise and conueane themselffs together in airmes for stopping theroff, and of anie of the saids lords forces to enter within the said burghe in armes, vnder greatt paines. Also that same day, there was a charge giuen to the saids lords to depart furthe of Edinburgh within xxiv hours efter the charge, vnder the paine of treasone.

l. 23. att Sterlin.

P. 14. l. 19. at Corymochloch.

P. 15. l. 4. hindmeist of his companie,

l. 5. of Cesfurdburne,

l. 6. maistres sake.

l. 7. The said Taitt was throw rune the bodie with a speir and slayne, the vther was strucken throw the thighe, and little the worse.

P. 17. l. 9. xx day

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P. 17. l. 14. middle and east marches,

l. 16. gave ower his office of wardiane, and tuik

P. 18. l. 8. to be stamped, and to be giuen out againe for 36s. 9d. the 30s. peice, and the rest accordinglie.

l. 16. Mortouns factioun; the lordis Lyndsay,

l. 29. nane ansuer

P. 21. l. 25. all persones betuixt lx and xvj. yeares,

P. 22. l. 15. to Mr William Erskin, persone of Campsie.

P. 24. l. 18. j^{m} Spainards, there gouernour named Piese Moneyse.

P. 25. l. 15. Mr D'Allançon,

l. 26. worth v^{m} lib.

P. 26. l. 4. Newbottle and St Colmes Inch:

l. 9. and Arbrothe to the lord Obienie.

l. 25. the xvij day

P. 27. l. 16. Att this tyme his Majestie appointted to begine a progresse vpone the xxiij of Maij, and first to passe out of Sterlin to Tullibardin, and forward throw the countrie toward Dunnoter the earle Marchals house at the fardest that yeare, and to be accompanied with a sufficientt number of his ordinar counsallers that haill progresse.

l. 17. Upon the xxv of Junij being Setterday, betwixtt iij hours att efternoone, and Sunday att ewin therefter, there blew sic a vehement tempest of wind, that it was thought to be a cause that a greatt multitude of the inhabitants of Edinburgh contracted ane vnkoe sickues, whilke was baptised *kyndues*, and fell outt in the courtt and sundrie vther parts of the countrie, so that some people that were growene and aged deceassed verie suddeinlie. Itt continued with ewerie one that tooke itt thrie dayis at leastt.

l. 27. schipe called the Williame of Leith, from Danskin,

P. 28. l. 1. lord Drumond's sister. The Kings Majestie past out of Sterline to the mariage, and returned therfra the xv of November to Edinburgh.

l. 4. Allexander Stewartt of Schutingleyis was slaine, being ane of the lord Ruthuens companie.

l. 8. bot stayed be act off counsell.

l. 11. assyse of his peers,

l. 14. Allexander Home of Northberuick.

l. 23. sone to the lord Ochiltrie,

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P. 28. l. ult. dwelling in Morehame,

P. 29. l. 6. Lochinware,

P. 30. l. 17. a hundrethe men a futte,

l. 21. In this meantyme there was ix^{c} wadged men on futt and horse taken vp and leauied, vnder the commandement of capitaines.

l. 28. sister sone to the said eairle of Mortoune, and his most familiare freind and seruand,

P. 32. l. 14. the xxiij of Maij,

l. 23. sir Robert Crichton of Eliok,

P. 33. l. 2. sir Patrick Lermonth.

P. 34. l. 2. Upone the saxt of June 1581, the earldome of Mortone was disponit to Johne lord Maxwell, the lordschipe of Dalkeith and Aberdouire to Esme erle of Lennox; lykeas sundrie vthers the said earles lands were dispoined at this tyme. The earle of Anguse past in Ingland as a fugitiue.

l. — the vj of Julie,

l. 3. doghter to the umquhill earle of Athole

l. 5. Att this tyme a parliament was proclaimett to be halden, first at Edinburgh, nixt at Glasgow, and againe at Edinburgh the xxiv of October nixtt.

l. 13. the iij of October.

P. 35. l. 7. and for fortifieing and halding of the castles of Thomtallone and Dowglase against his Majestie,

l. 10. Archbald Dowglas of Pittindreich sone naturall to the said earle of Mortone, George Dowglase of Parkheid, James Dowglase his sone, Malcolme Dowglase of Maines, Archbald Dowglase sumtyme constable of the castle of Edinburgh,

l. 12. Thomas Roresone of Bardamro

l. 13. and all their airmes ryuen att the markett crosse of Edinburgh, according to the forme used against foirfaltt traytours.

l. 17. Itt was spokin that the dooks absence proceided of ane anger conceaved be him againse the earle of Arran, for some disgrace done to the lord Setone, and sir Johne Seatone his sonne.

P. 37. l. 24. about seuen houres att ewin, the earle of Arran cumyng to his Majestie, and foirseing that the earle of Mare was laid in his way, he dewyditt himselfe from his companie, and came alone with a page and himselfe to the yett of Ruthuen,

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P. 39. l. 9 sir George Cary knight, sone to the lord Hunsdeine,

l. 21. the xiv day

l. 28. he remaned ther aught dayis vpone a faire winde,

l. 29. ane schip called the lyon of Air, having ane vther schipe in companie called Johne Cokburns, a pyratt,

l. ult. Upone the viij day of Octobere, the Kings Majestie past out of Sterlin to Edinburgh, and remained att Holyrudhouse: at whilke tyme, a little tumult falling outt in Edinburghe vpone the electione of the magistrats, no harme was done. The occasione of that tumult being reasoned in presence of his Majestie and counsall, ordour was giuene that the same provest, baillies and counsall chosen at that tyme of the tumultt suld vse and enjoy ther offices for that yeare; and that [the] merchants and crafts men amongs whom the tumult raise sould nominatt either of them tuelff men, barons, gentlemen or ministers, of whilke iij of them to be chosin one either syd, to whome they sould submitt the haill wariance and contrauersie amongs them. And incaise of ther disagriement vpone the chosin of these men, his Majestie and counsall to be oweirsmen for there vnione and agriement.

P. 40. l. 10. Newbotle, the comptroller, clerk of Registere, Justice clerke, the master of Glamse, the master of Oliphantt, the prowest of Dundie, the commissioners of Edinburgh, Perthe, Sterlin, Hadingtoune, St Androus and Irwinge.

P. 42. l. 20. that is to say, first he sould be conuoyed be the lairds of Loudiane and wthers furth of the Blaknes, vpon Thursday in the morneing, to Hadingtoune that night; and fra thence to Broxmouth, Langtoune or Dunglase, where he sould remain whill he receaued sume money fra the King to helpe his furnishing and charges; so that betuixt and the xv day of this same monethe he sould be in Berwicke.

P. 43. l. 4. Bott all [wer] dissoppointed, in respectt he past that same day out of the Callendare to Dumbartane; and before his departing sent Mr Johne Grahame of Hallyards backe to his Majestie with ane letter and creditt, whilke declaired that he was purposed to keip [his] promise, bott was hendered for feare of his lyfe, because the earle of Marre, &c.

P. 44. l. 11. Lykewayes, the nobilitie and estaitts of the realme to considder what wald follow if grudge and heatred remained so amongse them; in what estaitt his Hienes wald be, and how that strangers wold cume in and subdew us in the meane tyme, which the King of France wold be sorie to heire of, and therfoir willed the same to be prevented.

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P. 44. l. 14. Att this tyme there came newes from Flanders, of a greatt conspiracie dewysed and almost putt in executione be the grand Monsure of France vpone the Prince off Orange, the toune of Antwerpe, and diwers vthers in Flanders that were of the [sinceare] religione and meanteaned the same; bot in the executione the same misgave, and the grand Monsurs forces were
and manie slaine, and to the number of ij^{m} Frenchemen taken prisoners; lykeas himselffe narrowlie eschaiped. This was done be the grand Monsure undere collour of friendschipe, for he had takin vpone him the haill gowernementt and maintenance of the protestanes of Flanders, giueinge himselfe out as a cheife professour of the sinceare religione; bot his hypocrisie in this was manefested, and he holdin odiouse to the haill world.

l. 18. The said Monsure Manyewill remained still heire, and ludging in my lord Seatons house in the Cannogett, had daylie accese to the Kings Majestie, [to] whome he impairttit his negotiatione at all tymes

l. 22. In this meane tyme, the ambassadour of France had sundrie secreitt conferences with the earle of Argyle. The earle of Crafurd vpone the iij of Marche come also to Edinburgh, where he remainitt two or thrie dayis and then depairtitt. Itt was judged at this tyme that ther sould be sume alteratione in the estate, for whilke note was maid of the cuming of the saids two earles.

P. 45. l. 14. There mett att this conuentione the earles and lords following, to witt the earle of March his Majesties greatt vnkle, Anguse, Argyle, Huntlie, Craufurd, Bothwell, Marre, Marschell, Montrose, Rothese, Gowrie.

l. 22. the secretare, comptroller, clarke of Register, Justice clarke, Priwie seall and Adwocatt.

l. 26. viz. the earle of Argyle, Huntlie, Montrose, Craufurd, Gowrie, Rothese, with March, Atholl, Glencairne.

P. 46. l. 26. and Pettinweyme

P. 47. l. 9. Nather his comissione nor answer was diwulgitt.

l. 15. and past then to Sterling.

P. 48. l. 22. wes, by vertwe of a commissioune direct frome the King, takin and aprehenditt be colonell Williame Stewartt as capitaine of his Majesties guard,

P. 49. l. 5. notwithstanding of ther prineledge and exemptione,

l. 28. The Kingis Majestie marchitt forward with the haill forces conwenit to Sterling vpone the xxv off Apryle, remaining in Linlithgow that night, and wpone the morne therefter past foirward towards Sterlin.

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P. 51. l. 1. Upone the xxviij of Maij, the Kingis Majestie past from Edinburgh to Falkland.

l. 4. About the last of Julie, there wase a meitting apointitt vpone the borders at Fowlden, betwixtt the earle of Arrane, and the lord Hunsdene for Ingland, where sume matters wer to be comouned and treated on, towardis ane intelligence to be keipitt and intertayned betwixt themselves. The tyme of the meitting was appointed the xij of August, att Fowldene.

l. 23. vpone the ij of September to Ruthuen

l. 25. with the plauge

l. 27. Upone the xiij day of the said moneth of September, the King's Majestie past from Stirlinge to Edinburgh.

P. 52. l. 2. He returned in Scotland, be his Majesties awin knowledge and vnder his Hienes protectione, as it was spokin. In the beginning of the said moneth, Patrick master of Gray was directitt in ambassadrie to Ingland, with ane obscure commissione knowin to none bot his Majesties selfe, and returnitt backe about the beginning of Januarie.

l. 3. no dout be the instigatione of Sathan,

l. 10. James Edmistoun of Duntreath, Jhone Cuninghame of Drumquhassell and Malcolme Dowglase of Maines was apprehenditt; and first the said James Edmenstoun, being examinatt thervpone within the castell of Edinburgh, confessed that he had resaitte ane black Jhoue Home in his house, who had broght letters to him from the earle of Anguse and Mare then banished, perswading him to be ane executor of the saide conspiracie, and to instigat wthers his and ther freinds for that purpose. He deponit also, that he reuealed the mater to Drumquhassell, who lykewayis confest the same; and he reueiled it also to the lairde of Maines, who vtterlie to his lyfes end denyed the same.

Upone the ix of Februar, the foirsaids persones beinge putt to ane assyse within the tolbuith of Edinburgh for conceilling of the said conspiracie, the saids James Edmonstoune of Duntreath was asseilyeit because he told the trueth; and the said lairds of Drumwhassell and Maynes were conuict, and hanged att the mercat crose of Edinburgh the morne therefter.

l. 15. letting his ladie thereby sie in the morning to putt one hir hoadd, as it was spokin in jest,

l. 17. with x^{m} men,

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P. 52. l. 21. Att this tyme sir Lwes Balleuden of Auchinoule knight was directed in ambassadrie to Ingland.

P. 53. l. 9. in the Latin tongue,

l. 16. About the last of Junij, the Kingis Majestie past fra Dunfermling to Falkland, and fre thence to St Androse.

l. 20. and sone in law to the said ser Jhone Forester,

l. ult. iiij^{m} people

P. 54. l. ult. to the hunting of Inchmirrenie, and fra there to Hameltoune, and returned againe to Stereling about the beginning of September. In all this progress the said Inglisch ambassadoure accompanied his Majestie. Upone the xij of October, the Kings Majestie past from Sterling to Kincairdin the earle of Montroise house to the banket.

l. 13. and lord Maxwell,

l. 16. vpone the last day of the said moneth.

l. — pauilions

l. 24. be Williame Airmestrange of Kinmonth and his followers.

l. 29. his brother James Stewart of Schillinglaw,

P. 56. l. 11. opinlie in the pulpitt in St Geills kirke;

l. 22. a barrone and gentleman of the Kings chalmer.

l. 28. sir Williame Stewartt of Munkland knight,

P. 57. l. 4. to Kinleith besyde Edinburgh at Jhone Findlaysones house. About the end of March, ther came ane Inglish ambassadoure namet Mr Randall, who had bein heir sundrie tymes befoir.

l. 16. Upone the xxv of this instant, the Kingis Majestie, accompanied onlie with the earle of Marre, eairlie in the morning past ower to Falkland from Leith, transporting ane tame phola deare, propyned to his Majestie be the Queine of Ingland. The Kingis Majestie returned from Falkland, and past the same night to the bankett att Dalkeith, prepared for his Majestie be the earle of Anguse.

Upone the x of Maij, the said Mr Archibald Dowglass, being accused before the Justice within the tolbuth of Edinburgh, as ane of the speciall actores of the murthoure of his Majesties father, vsed first a remissione for airtt and pairt foirknowledge and conceilling therof, and abode ane assyse for the rest, wherof he was clenged. In that proces ther were great knauery and scheift used; for that part of the earle of Mortouns depoisione concerning him, whereby he con-

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fessed that Mr Arthowr granted to him that he was actuallie at that deid doing, was obscuired and abstracted. He conuoyed the matter so as he maid his awin dittay, he choosed his ownie assyse, he was foirseene of all to be said against him, and so was absolued most schamefullie and wnhonnestlie, to the exclamatione of the haill people. It was thought the filthiest iniquitie that ewer was hard in Scotland; and done in his Hienes minoritie be meanes of the master of Gray and Mr Randall ambassadoure, and be the slight and owersight of the counsell, vpone sic suddentie as verie few bot the plott[er]s knew of the matter.

P. 57. l. 19. About the xij of June, his Majestie passing to Falkland directed his counsell to take assurances betwixt &c.

l. 21. and to cause submissiones to bo past amongst them to sume of his Majesties counsall, to desyde ther contrawersies amicablie.

l. 23. as they did first at Berwicke upone the xxvij of June, to treat upone the redresse of the attempts committed to the greife of either of ther realmes, and how things may be handled to the case of beth thereafter; as also to confirme the leage of both the realmes, accorded vnto at St Andros a yeare proceiding this tyme or therby.

l. 27. leages betwixt lx and xvj, to adrese themselves to meit his Majestie or his Hienes liewtennent at Pebles,

l. ult. In the end of August, his Majestie tooke his ordinare progrese of hunting from Falkland to the west pairts.

P. 58. l. 5. bot itt misgaue.

l. — Upone the xij of September, dame Margarett Scott lady Jhonstoune wreatt a letter to the Kings Majestie, accuiseing Archabald earle of Anguse of a conspiracie against his Majesties persone; wherwpone she being called to ane accompt, she was fugitiue in Ingland, and so itt was esteimed a maliciouse calumnie, tending to seditione betwixt his Majestie and his Hienes subjects, for whilke [she] was called to wnderlie the law, and for not compearance denunced to the horue. Hir husband sir John Jhonstoune of Dunskellie knight knew nothing of hir said letter, and yett charged to enter hir, he declaired he knew not where to haue hir. The carier of hir letter called Gawine Jhonstoune was committed to the Blaknes.

l. 11. with the Lord Heres

l. 16. that the Queein was conuictt and was to be execute, at least was putt to

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ane great straitt; alwayis that she remained l or lx myles from London, in the place where she was warded,

P. 58. l. 25. Itt was thought that Francis earle Bothwell sould have passed in this ambassadge, bot Ingland refuised to grant him a saue conductt; lykeas the Kings Majestie and counsall thought itt not expedientt therfor, that he being ane of the pears and cheiffe noblemen of the land sould be hazarditt to passe without a saue conductt, and so he was stayed.

l. 28. either for the releaffe of the Queine his Majesties mother vpone the bands and surtie of these Princes, or in caise of hir executione, whilk Ingland first boisted of, to suit the ayde and supportt of these Princes, for the rewenge of that ignominiouse and barbarous and intollerable creweltie, prepetratt against a Soueraigne and natiwe Princes.

P. 59. l. 10. one this maner: "The Lord illuminat and lighten her speirit, that she "may attaine to the knowledg of His trueth for the sauetie in saule and bodie, "and preserue hir from the presentt perrell." Some of the ministrie agried to this forme of prayer, thinking it verie lawfull since itt was his Majesties pleasure; and some, especiallie the ministrie of Edinburgh, disassented to pray bot as they were mowed by the Spiritt of God.

l. 13. a man ewill thought off be the ministrie and wthers, to teache in the kirk of Edinburgh vpone the thrid day of Februar, and takes purpose to come to the preching himselfe.

l. 18. least of thy plagues

P. 60. l. 11. pastyme of hunting, vpone the xvij day of this said moneth,

l. 12. youngest sone to the lord Hunmsdone,

P. 61. l. 26. at Seatoune.

P. 62. l. 3. Aboutt this tyme ther came a letter from capitane James Stewart, wherein he solemlie swore that the King wold aither be slaine, or caried into Ingland be the Lords that came in at Stirling, within xv dayes therefter. His Majestie rewealed the contents of that letter to the noblemen whilke came in att Sterlin, whilke most earnestlie desyred to be tryed therof.

l. 5. Jhone earle of Mortoune,

l. 11. especiallie the Jhonstounes of Graitneyhill, vpone ane old feid as was spoken: that slaughter was verie heavilie regrated.

l. 12. and the laird of Cragie Wallace, to take &c.

l. 16. of Monkland,

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P. 63. l. 9. Att this same conuentione there assembled the earls, lords and wthers following, to witt, the lord Hameltoune, the earle of Anguse, Huntlie, Crawfurd, Bothwill, Merschell, Montrose, Mare, Glencarne, Rothese, the lord Home, Seatone, Somerwill, Fleaming, Yester, Borthick, Sinckler, the master of Glams.

l. 16. to wit, the earle of Anguse, Montrose, Crawfurd and the master of Glames, the earle of Mare and Glencairne;

P. 64. l. 8. to treat vpone his Majesties mariage, to whilk purpose as it was prepared afore, sir Patrike Vans of Barnbarrow knight one of the senatures of the colledge of Justice, and Mr Peter Younge of Seytoune, &c.

l. 23. Eftere this conuentione, Williame lord Yester being desyred be the Kings Majestie and vther noblemen to subscryve a submissione, for remoweing of the feid standing betwixt him and sir Jhone Stewartt of Traquaire knight, he alwayes refuised the same, and for that was warditt within the castle of Edinburgh. Wpone the iiij of Julie, the said lord Yester brak warde out of the castle of Edinburgh in the mids of the night, leaving his wife and iij or iiij serwants therin.

P. 65. l. 10. Sume words fell out att this counsall betwixt the earle of Anguse and Bothwell, vpone occasione that Anguse voittit agains him vpone Crawfurds syde. The day afore, the duike of Lennox buire the crowne, the earle of Anguse the schepter, and the earle of Huntlie the sword of honour.

l. 15. with a sufficient ansure, &c.

l. 16. Jhone Smallett [and] a cavilyiare Frenchman, seruands to the duike of Lennox, were aprehendit, &c.

l. 22. About the xij of December, the earle of Huntlie and Merschell conuining to a tryst in Aberdeine, ther was ane Keith, a gentleman and kinsmane to the earle Merchell slaine be the laird of Geicht; for Geicht returned in againe to the toune, efter the earle of Huntlie was a myle or two past furth therof, of purpos to committ that slaughter. Lykeas it was supponit that the earle Merchell himself sould then have beine slaine, be dewyse of the earle Huntlie, for the religious cause whilke he sincerilie profest, and whereoff he was a cheiff manteiner. Alwayes the earle of Huntlie, for his purgatione of that slaughter, presentitt the laird of Geicht to the earle Merchell, ewin then within the toune of Aberdeine, offering him in his will. The earle Merchell refuisitt to accept him at that tyme, and so repairitt immediatlie to court therefter. The Kings Majestie

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past at this tyme to his yule at Innerleith, where he remained thrie or foure dayis, and then past owir the watter to Burley, where the earle of Huntlie mett his Majestie, and conuoyed him almost to the ferriesyde, and then returned backe towards the north. And according to his Majesties directione receavitt then he came again, bringand with him the laird of Geicht and his vnkle Mr James Gordone jesuitt, aboutt the xxv of Januare, and come with theme to Dunfermlinge. Whereatt the Chancellour and wthers att court tooke some frey, and suspected, in respect of the cuming also of the lord Hameltoune, the lord of Paisley his brother, the earle of Glencairne and the lord Hereise to Linlithgow to his assistance, that they had sume practyse towards the subuersione of religione, or alteratione of the present state: and therwpone they tooke occasione to gar keip straitt watches in the toune of Edinburgh, and abay of Holerudehouse. Immediatlie efter this, the saids lords that mett att Linlithgow returnit homwards, thinking it dangerouse to repaire to Edinburgh, in respect of the said suspitione. Lykeas Huntlie past to Dunkell, to be gossep to the earle of Athole.

P. 65. l. 25. taking the housses of sum of his Majesties pryvie counsall,

P. 66. l. 4. His Majestie tooke purpose to conueine sume of the ministrie of Edinburgh within his awin chalmer in Holyrudhouse, and to send for the said Mr James; wha cuming before his Hienes, his Majestie declairitt the cause for whilke he sent for him, whilke was for that he vnderstood him to be ane learned man, cume in this countrye for perswading of the people to imbrace the popishe religione, and therfore schew him that his Majestie was dispoisit to vse sume reasoning with himselfe in religione. Wherwnto the said Mr James objectitt, and said that he desyred not to reasone with his Majestie, bot wold reasone with anie vther. The Kings Majestie ansureing promisitt and offered to lay his croune and royaltie asyde, and to reasone with him as he wer a priuatt man: and so his Majestie begane and laide doune sume grounds of religione, whilke his Majestie still obserwed and resoned vpone the space of four or fiue houre. Sume things were yeilditt to, &c.

l. 22. betwixt the laird of Boquhene,

l. 27. the saids lords desyred that the earle of Huntlie might be maid capitaine of the castle of Edinburgh, the lord Claud chancellour, colonale Stewart capitane of the guard,

P. 67. l. 2. the earle of Anguse, Bothwell, Marr, the chancellour and vthers

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P. 67. l. 8. according to his Hienese proclamatione for the entrie of sume persones in Ingland, whilk were fylitt in billis, and releiffe of the pledges giuen in in Ingland be his Majestie for that effectt. His Majestie past that night to Halyden.

l. 10. as the laird of Hunthills sonnes, and the lard of Greinheids, Corbett, Owertoune and wthers, being all speciall men, to the greatt mislyking of the borderers, for they declairitt themselwes altogether vnable to pay the billis they wer fylitt in, yea if they wold sell all the heretage they had.

l. 21. and be the way past into the laird of Basse house the Beill and Seatone, and so returnitt to Edinburgh the ij of Maij.

About the xvj of the said monethe of Maij, proclamatione was made, commanding a gryt force to be in readines to pas forward with his Majestie or his Hienes leiutennent where they sould be commanditt, vpone sax houres warning, vnder the paine of treasone. Wherewpone the second proclamatione followed, to meitt his Majestie pairtlie at Edinburgh and pairtlie at Dumfries, vpone the xxv and xxix dayis of the said moneth, furnished in most substantious maner with twentie dayes prouisione.

P. 68. l. 22. both the galschot

l. 27. His Majesties selfe cryed wp the meane tyme to Mr Dauid Maxwell to render the house, whilk he alwayis refuisitt.

P. 69. l. 12. who for his miserable behaviour was be the commone people baptized *Mr Mushokyides* therefter.

l. 28. Wpone the last day of the said moneth, his Majestie came from Falkland to Edinburgh, and remainitt two dayis in the Chancellours ludgeing, and then returnitt to Falkland.

P. 70. l. 12. In the end of the same moneth, ther was foure bands of men of ware leuied be the toune of Edinburgh, whilke awaitit vpone the Kings Majestie night and day.

l. 18. he depairtitt backe againe within viij dayis therefter, vpone the word off the earle of Lecister his cousigne.

l. 21. The same scheips were sinderitt be ane stratageme of ware vsitt be the Inglishe nawie speciallie; they fyret ane old schipe, and sett hir on the Spanishe nawie, whilk dewydit theme ewerie one from anvther.

l. 23. In the foirend of October, ane of the said great schips wer drywin in at the Muill of Kintyre, wherein were v^{c} men or therby: shoe caried thriescore brassen peices in hir, besydes wthers, and great substance of gold and silwer.

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The same gryte schipe, with two or thrie hundreth men in hir, was browin vp with powder suddenlie taking fyre therin, be the meanes of ane of ther awin [people.]

P. 71. l. 3. Lykeas his Majistie promised that no respect nor remissione sould be granted for anie sick crymes, and that sic as obteined respeits or remissiones of before sould not be hard to sese the same, without satisfaction of the perties greaved and compleaned; and ordained all persons to be present, and give in ther complaints at the tyme appointed, as they wold be serwed.

l. 25. Certain persones wer nominate and apointed be his Majestie and estaits, to consider of sic articles and propositiones as were sett doune at this conuentione, and to conueine for that effect the xix of December in Edinburgh, and to report ther diligence at the next conuentione appointed the first day of Januare nixt, to the whilke the conclutione of all things were deferred. The Kings Majestie raid to Dunfermeling wpone the last of Nowember, and there the conuentione dissolued.

P. 72. l. 10. that he and the heall catholicks heir were sorie of the misfortoune of his armie, and that they might sauelie haue arryved in thire pairts, and sould haue had assistanes of all that wold haue done for him, and sick wthers of the nobilitie; desyring the King of Spaine heirwith to send in heir onlie one arrmie of vj^{m} men, wha, with his assistaneces and wthers of Ingland and Scotland, sould weill serue his tourne: and that he was constrained &c.

l. 18. jesuite called Bruce,

l. 20. The duik of Lennox and sume of his friends past to seike the same gold in the Callendare, bot found no sic thing.

P. 73. l. 17. Wpone the xxiv of this moneth of Merch, ther was a Scotsman named Pringle, serwant to colonell Simple, (wha was the carier of the foirsaid letters intercepted) sent heir out of Berwick, and beinge accuised therwpone he was committed in ward on the morne therefter. The same Pringle and ane Forester were bothe accuised toucheing the said letters, and nothing had of them.

P. 76. l. 3. he had beine keiped in the place of Achindonne.

P. 78. l. 8. Att this tyme his Majestie begaine and past to Falkland and Burley, being the xv of this monethe, and before that tuik occasione vpone incidentt to passe first to Hammeltonne, to the baptising of the lord Hammeltounes sone, and from thence to passe northward to his intenditt journey.

l. 25. to his ordinare pastyme of hunting to Inchmirrine. Wpone the xxvj of

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August, his Hienes came back to Sterline again, where ther was a conuentione of sume of the estaits, appointed for sick maters as concerned the weill of his Majestie and countrie.

P. 79. l. 5. Wherewpone at his Majesties derectione festing and praying wes usitt in Edinburgh, for hir sauetie and preseruatione. It was there supponit that she was dung in in Norway.

l. 6. and fra that come to Craigmiller.

l. 24. And that also colonell Stewartt past backe to Denmark, to purches commissione to hir Hienes admirall and counsall to cum forward to Scotland, ather in ther awin schipes or owers that were ther.

l. 28. the chancellour, justice clerke, the collectoure, the lord Dingwall, the laird Barnbarro, sir Williame Keithe and Mr Peter Younge.

P. 80. l. 17. to witt the earle of Anguse, Mortoune, Marre, the master of Glames, the abbut of Newbatle, the comptroller, clearke of registere, sir Robert Melwine (wha was constituitt vice chancellour), together with the lords of the sessione, when matters off consequence comes in hands.

P. 82. l. 17. sir Johne Carmichael of that ilke, being ane of his Majesties priuie counsell.

P. 83. l. 5. and Marre, the lord Home and Dingwell, the officers of estaitte and sessione, with the haill honest men of Edinburgh, Leith and Cannogett in armes.

l. 8. for the coronatione of the Queins Majestie.

l. 9. Piter Monk the admirall of Denmarke, Stephen Bra capiten of Elsinburgh, Braid Ransom Magarett, Nicholaus Theopolus doctor of the lawes, and Henrie Goodlister capitane of Bochastle, as principall and of the counsall of Denmarke, and ane William Vandervantt, who was appointed to waitt wpone hir Majestie,

l. 18. They past the first night owere the watter to Wasterweimes, where they were weill entertained; on the morne therefter to Falkland, where they were receaued and banketted be the laird off Creiche at dennere, and raid to there supper at Newhouse, the earle of Mortons hous; and dined on the morne in Dunfermlinge, and suppit in Nidrie where they rested that night; and one the morne read to Lithgow where they dynet, the bankett there being maid be the justice clerk; they tuike seasinge and returned that same night to Halirudhouse. Ther charters and seasings were all maid readie, and past vnder his Majesties great sealle, with the sealls of the haill nobilitie and estaitts conweined

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to the coronatione, together with the sealls of xvij or xviij knights whilke were maid at the said coronatione, and all delyvered to them.

P. 83. l. 19. Quhilk coronatione was solemnised the xvij day with great triumphe within the Abbay kirke. Hir Majestie was annointed with oyle, and the crowne sett vpone hir heid efter manie circomstances, be Mr Robert Bruce and Mr David Lyndesay minister, with the chancellour beareing the nuke theroff; wha was then maid lord off Thirlstaine. The Kings Majestie came first to the place of coronatione, with the croune borne afore his Hienes be Lodowicke duike of Lennox, the schepter be Jhone lord Hameltoune, and the sword of honour be William earle of Anguse, with the heraulds and trumpets as the vse is. The Queins Majestie followed in within a little space efter, and the croune [was] allenarlie borne before hir be Jhone lord Thirlstaine chancellour. Hir Majestie was conwoyed be the principles of the Dences and some of the nobilitie, together with a greatt number of noble and gentlemen. Mr Patrike Galloway minister at Perthe maid first the sermone, Mr Robert Bruce maid ane exhortatione to the people in hir Majesties name, declareing that he had receauitt hir oath, and desyred the people to hold vp ther hands as ane signe of ther obedience, as they did. Mr Andrew Melwill maid ane harangue in Letin, and then they proceaded to the circumstances of the coronatione.

l. 26. Wpone the xix day of the said moneth, the Queines Majestie maid hir entrese in the toune of Edinburgh in hir coache, quhilke was brawelie dressed. Hir Majestie, accompanied with a number of the noblemen, Dences and vthers, past out of Halirudehouse be the southe syde of the cannogett vp be the parke dyke, and then tuike the way that passes platt west, and came in againe at the west port, where hir Majestie was receaiued efter a certaine speache maid, and delywerrie of the keyis as wse is, vnder a waill, and conwoyed throw the haill toune to the Abbaye: where ther was xlij younge men of the toune, cloathed in white taffetie and cloath of silwer, all full of chaines of gould and blake wafroins in forme of Moors, that danced before hir Grace all the way.

P. 84. l. 26. the duike of Parme, with xx_m men of his awine,

l. 27. toune of Corbat within xvj legis of Parise,

P. 85. l. 24. bruntt vpone confessione of hir witchcrafte, and the melling with the dewill, bot yett died well. The rest was keiped still, and daylie examined be his Majestie, the counsall and some of the ministrie.

P. 86. l. 9. the toune of Charters, a strong toune, and the cheiffe toune that furnish-

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itt Parise, (and wherein the haill riches of Parise was putt in sure keiping,) was assaulted &c.

P. 86. l. 17. Wpone the xxiv day of the said moneth of Junij 1591, the earle of Bothwell was forfaultt and declaired traittoure at the merkatt crosse off Edinburgh, for certaine crymes of treasone till his Majestie, whereof he was conwictt of before, and for whilke he became in the Kings Majesties will, to witt, for cuming against his Majestie at the brige of Die. Wpone the morne therefter, the Kings Majestie past to Perthe, wherin vpone Thursday the pennult of the said moneth of Junij, the Queins Majestie maid hir entres. Wpone the xxvj of Julij about four hours at night, the said earle Bothwell, accumpanied with saxtein horsmen, came vp to the netherbow,

P. 87. l. 4. About the midest of the moneth of December, word came heir that the Prince of Parme was borne doune in France; and that the King of France was to rancountere him on the fronteiris of France with viij^{c} horsmen, all noblemen and speciall gentlemen of his court; and that ther was ane armie of xxx^{m} men lyand about the toune of Rowane, which was att a straitt pointe and lykelie to be randered.

l. 25. Williame Stewartt of Schutingleyes,

P. 94. l. 14. the lord Hameltoune, the earle of Argyle, Merchall, Marre, Glencairn, the lord Seatone, Lyndesay &c.

l. 16. Frances earle of Bothwell, James Dowglase off Spotte, Archbald Wauchwp of Nidrie younger, James Hameltoune younger of Samuelstoune, Williame Stewartt of Schutingleyis, Patrick Crombie of Carrubir, George Auchincraw of Bestoune, with wthers complices to the number of xvij persons, for the Raid of the Abbay.

P. 95. l. 7. and fra thence past to Dumfries, warning the haill companie be proclamatione to accompanie him.

l. 12. Burley and Bogie,

P. 96. l. 19. Wpone the iiij day of September, the duike off Lennox and the lord Home past towards Kelso, for vptaking of the maills and dewties of Kelso, (and especiallie of the teinds of Sprustoune, wherewnto the laird of Sesfuird younger pretenditt right); and that be vertwe of ane letter of factorie, grantit to the duike for that effect, and for inbringing of the same to his Majesties vse.

P. 97. l. 14. Whilke proceiditt off sum intelligence the Kings Majestie had of the earle Bothwell [having bein] ressait be the laird of Pherniheirse and Hundhill,

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and in the toune of Jedburgh be the prowest therof callitt Rutherfuird, Alexander Geywill and ane Kirtoune the butler therof.

P. 98. l. 12. viz. Treyis, the Glen, the house of Drywp; bot the offenders came in att Jedburgh, and so their houses wer saued. Thomas Stewart brother to James Stewart of the Tynnies, the laird of Whythauche and his sone Andrew were these that came in ther. The dooke raid with a great force in Liddisdaill, and then out of Jedburgh for casting doune of the house of Whytehauche, bot the incuminge of Whytehauche mowed it to be saued.

l. 14. His Majestie returned out of Jedburgh about the xx day of October foirsaid. In the beginninge of Nowember, sundrie of the outlawis came in, to witt, the laird of Nidrie, Williame Stewartt callit the constable, George Auchincraw of Restoune, James Jhonson callitt of Drumringrig, with sundrie wthers to the number of xiij or xiiij, whilke were all at the Raids of the Abbay and Falkland.

l. 15. to 20. Att this tyme, ther fell out a great truble in the north, for Malcolme Toshe had slaine v or vj of the earle of Huntlies men in Glennuck in the Bræ of Mar. Immediatelie heirefter the earle of Athole with a great force past to Tarnwall, (the earle of Huntlie remaining att Strabogie) of intentione, be the force of the earle of Argyle, the lord Lowat, Malcolme Toshe, Makenzie, and sick wthers [as] had thair [men] in reddines and were sworne, to be rewengitt on the earle of Huntlie for the murthor of the earle of Murray, and to persewe Huntlie and all his [freinds] with fyre and sword. Makintoshe past to Strabogie, and slew xxxiiij men or therby of the earle of Huntlies.

P. 99. l. 27. wha was lying ther in readiness to depairtt to Spaine, in Robertt Jamesones schipe of Aire at Fairlie raids. In the whilke schipe his letteris were also gotten in ane mariners kist, within the sleiwis of the same mariners sarks.

P. 100. l. 5. In this meantyme the Kings Majestie and Queine was in Tullibardyne, and in Alloway the earle of Mars house at the bankett at Yuill and at Nursemes; and vpone the newes his Majestie cam in all haist to Edinburgh

l. 10. sould be tryed be torture in the bootis; sume of the counsall, speciallie the laird of Ormistoune justice clerke and Mr Williame Hart justice depute, wes appoynttitt to sie him torturitt. Wha, being minassitt be his freinds, sturred to put him in the bootts, whill &c.

P. 101. l. 1. There was a fashione of a justice courtt proclamed and haldin in Aberdeine: bot it was little till effect in respect of the shortnes of the tyme, and that things that should have proceided wer omittit and left undone.

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P. 101. l. 22. calling heirwith to remembrance, that the tyme of the Spanish nauie making for Ingland there was ane ambassadoure sent in heir, crawing our assistance in withstanding of them strangers to land in this iland; who for the same, in hir Majestie and counsalls name, offeritt to nominatt the Kings Majestie our maister, Second Persone of Ingland; to make his Hienes Prince of Waills, and manie sic vther faire offers were made. Bot seing God fought the battell, and disoppointit that interpryse, the offers were past frie, and his Majestie therby scuffit, by alledging that that ambassadour transcendit the bounds of his comissione, and meritit to be hangitt.

P. 102. l. 2. The same tyme also, ther was a justice court proclamed to be haldin at Hadingtoune the iij day of Maij nixt, wherein all offendars within the shirrefdome of Edinburgh, constabularie of Hadingtoune, Berwicke and Lauderdaill wer summoned. Vpone the xx of Apryle, ther was M'Coule of Dumnaldisch, with v or vj vthers with him his seruants, callit before the counsall for the murther of the laird of Caddell, who wer wairdit in Edinburgh whill the tryall.

l. 5. At this tyme ther came ane Denie ambassador callit Stewin Beill, who desyred the performance of sume heids of the contract past betwixt ther Majesties at ther mariage.

l. 15. whilkes were the lord Hammeltoune, the earle of Mortoune and Mare, the lord Home, Forbes, Vchiltrie, Sinclaire, Spynie, with sume bischops, abbottis, and sume commissioners of Burrowes. His Majestie was never so simpillie accompanied at a parliament.

l. 22. The earle of Bothwell wes foirfault ower againe and his airmes ryuin.

P. 104. l. 8. vis. the dooke of Lennox and the lord Hammiltoune, the earl of Glencairn, Montrose, Mortoune, Mar, the lord Livingstoune and Lyndesay, with the officers of the estate, and the commissioners of the burrowes of Edinburgh, Stirlinge, Linlithgow, that &c.

l. 23. The dooke of Lennox past from Falkland to Bricheine to the earle of Mar at the same tyme, and left his Majestie onlie accompanied with the lord Home, the laird of Carmichaell and sir George Home. His Majestie wpone the xxj of September past from Falkland to Linlithgow. The said earl of Bothwill remainit this tyme in Edinburgh.

P. 110. l. 24. and a great number hurt in the face, whilke was called a *Locarbie like*; speciallie the laird of Newark Maxwell was all magilled on the face, and left for deid.

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P. 112. l. 5. viij of the same monethe,

l. 6. lord Zouche

P. 115. l. 28. xiij or xiiij

P. 118. l. 3. The counsall, sundrie of the neblemen and vthers were of the oppinione that the solempnisatione of the baptisme could not be ther in Sterling, because strangers could not be so weill ludgitt and interteinit as were requisite, bot yit his Majestie wald have it ther; and so great preparatione wer ther of all things, and messages and directiones sent in all pairts of the cuntray for propynes.

l. 14. with the young laird of Bonitoune,

P. 119. l. 9. worth v^m crownes, as was thought.

l. 21. house of Rothiemay.

P. 120. l. 18. The said earle discourritt the haill maner of the battell to his Majestie, and siguifiet therwith that he was betrayed by sume of his awin companie.

l. 26. Great watches were keipit be his Majesties wadgit men in the said toune, wherein his Hienes remanit &c.

l. 27. and sir Robert Melwill of Mordakarny knight and sir John Carmichell, two of his Majesties counsall &c.

P. 121. l. 15. Whilke in effect were, that they shall take ane compositione of ther estaits be coumone consent; that all things shall be ordourit and doune be coumone adwyse and consent; that they shall take ane aifauld pairt, euerie ane with ane wther, in all causes; that the earle of Huntlie, Anguse and Erroll, and the laird of Auchindowne, all excommunicate catholicks, shall not be trublitt criminellie nor ciwilie for ther conscience and religione; that assurance shall stand and be inviolablie keipit betuixt the earle of Huntlie and Bothwell, the lord Vchiltrie till the young earle of Murrey cum to the age of xvij yaires; giue anie particular quarrell shall chance betwixt anie of the subscryuers or amongst ther freinds, the contrawersies shall be subject to the decisione of the rest, or to anie two maist newtrall, chosin be commone adwyse; that none shall be retainit in eourt nor broght in, bot sic as shall be allowitt be the haill; that none shall take or except anie preferment or office, bot be the coumone adwyse of the rest of the subscrywers; that the earle of Huntlie makand offeris for the earle of Murrays slaughter, be the adwyse of Anguse, Erroll, Balwiry and Spott, together with the earle of Cathnes shall be sufficient, and gife the bairne at his perfytt age shall not except the samen,

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the earle of Bothwell and Wchiltrie shall refuis to take his pairt in persewing that slaughter: subscryvitt on the margin.

P. 124. l. 15. Mr Jhone Colleny.

l. 22. Cesfurde and Buclengh became courtiers awhyle be the meins; bot wealth and pryde that spoills all disgracitt thame sume pairt againe; for it was then spoken that they were vpon a cours with the Queine for the transporting of the Prince from Sterling castle to the castle of Edinburgh, and that the chancelere and the master of Glames were with them vpon that plott. The Kings Majestie past in his progresse to the west towards Inchmirrine according to his custome, upon the xv day of August 1595. Before whose returne there was a greatt bruitt of the prosecutione of that course, and alteratione of courtt. His Majestie returned from that to Falkland the x of September.

l. 26. to the regraite of a greatt number of people; for be his wisdome he did prewent and cast off manie greatt inconvenients lykelie to have cume vpon the King and countrey.

The Kings Majestie remaining at this tyme in St Jhonstoune come therfra to Dunfermling, and then to Linlithgow, leiuing the Queins Majestie at St Jhonstoune. Hir Majestie followit within aucht dayes therefter, and so ther Majesties remainit together at Linlithgow vntill the xxiiij day of Nowember; and then his Majestie past to Edinburgh, where ther was ane conuentione of his Majesties ordinar counsall appointit to take ordoure anent his house, and the dissorderitt estaitt of the west border.

P. 125. l. 10. as commonlie Scottsmen looks for no perrell nor preisses to put ther hand to worke, bot whill they are straittit and vpone suddenties.

P. 127. l. 20. Vpon the xix day of September 1596, the Queins Majestie was delyueritt at Dunfermling of the Princes Lady Elizabeth.

P. 134. l. 19. iiij lib. peices

P. 139. l. ult. In the end of the moneth of Januarie hereaftir, the said earle of Montrose was maid chancelloure of Scotland be the meanes and help of some of his Majesties counsall and cubikulars. About this tyme Mr Jhone Lyndesay of Manmur demitted his place of secretarie, in fawours of Mr James Elphistoune of Barntoune, who was then maid secretare. The bischope of Glasgow in France, Beatoune, was restored to his offices and benefices be ane act of the estaits, and authorized with commissione of ambassadrie for his Majestie in France.

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There was ane vther conwentione appointed to hold heir at Edinburgh, vpone the first of Aprylle 1599; wherin ther was a contract past betwixt the Kings Majestie and gentlemen venturers towards the Lewes, vpone certaine conditiones, speciallie, that sufficient securitie being maid to them therof, they sould pay to his Majestie sewin scoire chalders of beare yairelie. And vndertaking the journey toward the Lewes in the end of October the same yeare, accompanied with v or vj^{c} men vnder wadges, besyde gentlemen woluntars, throw the coldnes of the ile, the lake of ludgeinge and vther enterteinment, a number of them died of the fluxes. And the laird of Balcombie and his cumpanie, passinge in ane boate out of the Lewes towards Orkeney, were intercepted be the way be sume hilandmen supposed to be Mackenzeis men, be whome sume of Balcombies men was slaine, and himselfe takin and deteined captiue, and so hardlie vsed, that be deadlie disseasses contractit he deceaisit in Orknay efter he was sett at libertie. Be the meanes of ane speciall hielandman off that ile, there were ten or twelfe apprehendit of the speciall withstanders of that interpryse, and beheidit, and ther heids sent heir in a pok to Edinburgh, which were sett vpone the ports therof.

In the moneth of Julie 1599, ther arryued heir ane ambassadoure from France named Monsure Byron, brother as was said to Monsure de Byron great treassurer of France, with the traine of xviij or xx in companie. He repaired to his Majestie, and had presence at Falkland where his Hienes was at hunting, and where his Majestie reteained him still in his cumpanie in his passing to the west and vther parts, and therefter at his departour propyned him with a rich cuipbuird. He tonik his passadge be seaward, bot [be] the storme of weather was dunge in at Yermonth Raid, and forced to take jurney therfra be land. His commissione was keipit secreitt, and onelie suppoised to be the renewing of the league betwixt France and his Majestie, and a beginninge of a greatter familiaritie betwixt them then had beine. His Majestie sent horse and hunds to the Kinge of France be this same ambassadour.

A conuentione of the estaits was holdin at Edinburgh vpone the x of December laste, where motione was maid concerning the supplie of his Majesties necessars, be a taxatione to be lifted of the subjects forestallers of markets and vthers; whilke beinge mourmoured against, the maitter was delayed to a

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more frequent conuentione of the estaits, appointed the xxvij day of March 1600. Att the whilke conuentione, the beginninge of the yaire was altered be act and proclamatione, from the xxv of Marche to the first off Januarie, at whilke day the yeare [was] heirefter ewer to begine, and so to be rackonned.

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